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ANOTHER OPPONENT OF WILSON'S POLICIES CALLED TO CONFERENCE BY HARDING TODAY

Senator Reed of Missouri, Who Took Leading Part in Fight of Senate Irreconciliables Against Versailles Treaty, Conferred with President-Elect as to Proposed New Association.

By Associated Press.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 18.—President-elect Harding heard advice as to the choice of his cabinet and the formulation of a plan for world peace in another set of conferences today. He again conferred with Senator Reed of Missouri, Democrat, on the proposal for an association of nations, which has taken a more definite form as the result of consultations. Mr. Reed has been a bitter opponent of many of President Wilson's policies and took a leading part in the fight of the senate irreconcilables against the Versailles league. Another on the president-elect's appointment list is Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, the New York student of international law and an advocate of ratification of the Versailles treaty with reservations.

STOCKHOLDERS GET BIG SLICE OF MELON

MAGNOLIA STOCKHOLDERS ARE VOTED 100 PER CENT STOCK DIVIDEND TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 18.—The trustees of the Magnolia Petroleum company meeting today ordered paid December the 28th the $60,000,000 authorized capital stock increase heretofore unissued to stockholders of the company, as a 100 per cent stock dividend. The stock dividend will be paid to the stockholders based on the company's record of their issue and the outstanding stock December 27, according to an announcement by W. C. Procter, treasurer of the company. The usual quarterly cash dividend of 1½ per cent plus a special additional cash dividend of one-half to one per cent was also ordered paid January 5, 1921.

REPORT FURTHER DECREASE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The bureau of statistics of the department of labor today reported a further decrease of two and one-half per cent in retail food prices in November.

PROVE NEGRO VOTE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Charges that many negroes in Southern states are not permitted to vote will be aired by the census committee considering the reapportionment bill, Chairman Siegel announced today.

WASHING WINDOWS.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—Practically all the windows of Chicago's sky-scrapers are cleaned by a small body of men—325—who are members of the Chicago Window Washers' Union, according to William McDade, business agent for the organization. The men work on a weekly basis, eight hours constituting a day's work. When conditions make outside work impossible, the men are employed on the inside.

The contract for cleaning the windows is given to contracting companies. These companies bid on the work and when the bids are accepted they furnish the men from the union. They also furnish all materials used in washing the windows, such as working harness for the washers, pails, sponges, chamois, etc. In fact they supply everything except the water. Every possible safety device known to the trade is employed by the union to protect its men from accidents.

The number of men killed doing this kind of work has been greatly lessened through the efforts of the union, Mr. McDade said. The contractors also have done much to safeguard the pedestrians below. In the past year, Business Agent McDade said, the union lost only one man by death, while the number of accidents to its members has shown a big decrease.

The average union washer will clean about 100 windows a day, the business agent said, as this is what the contracting companies figure on when giving their estimate on the work.

The membership of the union is made up of about 40 per cent Americans, 50 per cent Polish while the other 10 per cent is divided among members of other nationalities, Mr. McDade said. About two-thirds of the members of the union are married men.

TO LOOK INTO CASH BEFORE TAKE ACTION

SENATE COMMITTEE WANTS TO KNOW CONDITION OF TREASURY AS TO BONUS BILL.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate committee decided, before taking action on the house bill proposing adjusted compensation for former service men, will seek the views of Secretary Houston as to the condition of federal finances. The committee also may hear other witnesses on taxes and other sources of revenue to provide funds for carrying out the terms of the measure.

CHURCHES HELP.

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 18.—Starving children of Europe have been remembered by church folk of two Texas towns, according to E. A. Peden, state chairman of the European Relief Council. The Baptist and Methodist churches of Jasper, Texas, sent in a donation of $71.60, while the Christian church of Kingsville subscribed $150. These are the first contributions to be received for general European relief, according to Chairman Peden.

NEBRASKA ATHLETTES.

By Associated Press.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18.—Eighteen of the 22 men awarded letters for football this year by the University of Nebraska are scheduled to return to school next fall for 1921 football season.

With Nebraska back in the Missouri Valley Conference, a hard schedule is anticipated. At least one game with an eastern college away from home is in sight. Promises have been obtained from the Washington State College for a return game at Lincoln next year. In addition Nebraska undoubtedly will again play Notre Dame at Lincoln, Michigan Aggies at East Lansing and aKnsas at Lincoln.

The freshman squad this year was exceptinaly promising. At least four probably will appear on varsity next year. Dana Doble, of Omaha; Frank Morgan, York; and Dewitz of Santon, bucks, and Keemke of Bayard, end, are the men who showed promise on this year's freshman team. All of them have track records of 10.1 or better.

There is every indication that next year's football team will be the fastest produced by Nebraska in many years.

It is unlikely, it is said, that Nebraska will play return games with either Rutgers or Penn State next year. Nebraska defeated Rutgers and lost Penn State. The game here Thanksgiving Day with Washington State College is the most talked about game of the year. Washington defeated the Cornhuskers by a score of 1 to 0, scoring its winning touchdown in the last few minutes of play.

Considerable agitation has been started by alumni and students for a reconstruction of next year's coaching staff. It is suggested that some additional experienced men be added.

The four "N" men who will not return to school next year are Dale, Hubks., Young and Wade Munn.

CHRISTMAS BITS.

An abundance of berried holly is said to be a sign of a long and hard winter.

The French have a queer belief that bread baked on Christmas Eve will keep fresh for ten years.

Only about a third of the world's population has ever heard of Christmas, let alone ceelbrated it.

PLACE HIGH DUTIES ON MANY ARTICLES

HOUSE COMMITTEE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO RESTORE PROTECTIVE TARIFF SYSTEM.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The first step toward enactment of an emergency tariff was made when the house ways and means committee tentatively agreed to place high import duties on wheat, corn, wool and wool clothing, beans, potatoes, peanuts, onions, sheep, cattle, mutton and lamb meat.

CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL.

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec 18.—The Fort Worth chamber of commerce today launched a movement to have the Houston Heights high school team, football champions of South Texas, and the Cleburne high school team, which defeated Abilene yesterday for the North Texas premier honors, meet here Christmas Day.

WILMINGTON BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 18.—Rt. Rev. John J. Monaghan, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Wilington, will complete his fortieth year in the priesthood tomorrow, and the anniversary will be observed with special services in all the churches of the diocese. Bishop Monaghan is a native of South Carolina and was rector of churches in Charleston and other cities of that State before he was chosen as head of the Wilmington diocese in 1897.

PLAYING HOOKEY.

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 18.—"Playing hookey" doesn't imply a visit to the "old swimmin' hole" nowadays, according to Juvenile Oficer Henman Earlywine and Probation Officer J. W. Mills of this city. Instead of this old-fashioned diversion, the officers declared, the modern truant youth betakes himself to a "movie."

The officers exploded another theory when they asserted that boys prefer a "grown up" picture to that of the cowboy or lurid detective variety. Film stories of love, intrigue, society and business engross the youngsters, the officers stated.

In one day recently seventeen youths "playing hookey" were apprehended in motion picture theaters.

STATEMENT OF THE LAREDO NATIONAL BANK LAREDO, TEXAS.

At the Close of Business, May, 4th 1920, as rendered to the Comptroller of the Currency CONDENSED.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	$2,061,689.91	Capital Stock	$200,000.00
United States Bonds	237,050.00	Surplus Fund	200,000.00
Other Bonds and Securities	2,401.47	Undivided Profits, net	51,971.90
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	12,000.00	Unearned Interest approximate	27,864.04
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer	10,000.00	Reserved for Taxes	9,007.33
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	50,000.00	Circulation	189,800.00
Interest earned, not collected, approximate	5,837.40	Rediscounts	28,000.00
Cash and Exchange	1,450,437.89	Other Liabilities	6,387.68
		Deposits	3,116,385.60
Total	$3,829,416.67	Total	$3,829,416.67

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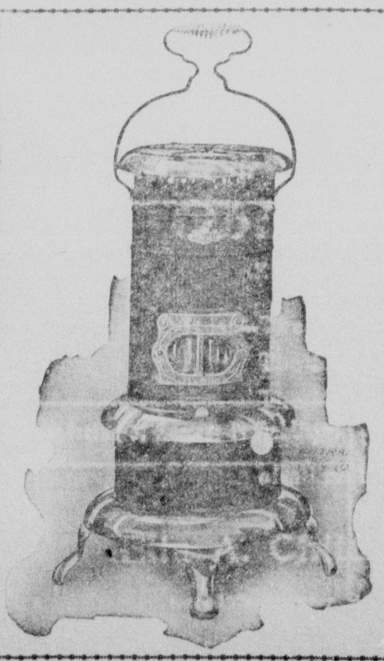

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From Friday's Daily.

ANOTHER CENTENNIAL.

In 1922 Brazil will celebrate its centennial, having declared its independence of the crown of Portugal in 1822. Although for several years the history of the country was that of many other of the South American countries, a series of conflicts and uprisings, of revolutions and usurpations, it remained independent of any other power ever since its declaration of independence.

For many years it was an empire, with a royal lineage closely related to the crown of Portugal, but finally in 1889 there was a bloodless revolution and Dom Pedro, the last emperor of Brazil, set sail for Lisbon and Brazil became a republic.

Few people realize that Brazil has an area greater than that of the United States, with a population greater than that of all the other nations of South America combined. It has a coast line of over 5,000 miles and its great river—the Amazon—is navigable for ocean steamers for hundreds of miles from its mouth.

Brazil was the one nation of South America that joined with the United States and the allies in the war against the Teutonic alliance, sending its armed fleet to follow ours to the North Sea.

Brazil is a good customer of the United States, having bought from us last year three-quarters of her coal, half her cement, 95 per cent of her motor cars, 95 per cent of her kerosene and gasoline, 98 per cent of her barbed wire, 90 per cent of her tin plate and hundreds of millions of dollars of other imports of every variety.

It is proposed to give to Brazil on the occasion of the celebration that is to mark the centennial a memorial that will be a becoming mark of the friendship long existing between the two countries, and which will serve to show the nations of the world that a lasting friendship is possible between two countries with similar aspirations.

The American Chamber of Commerce for Brazil, composed of the many Americans resident there and conducting the commerce between the two countries, proposes to raise a half million dollars to erect a monument of suitable design which will be unveiled when the centenial celebration begins.

The United States has reason to be glad of the friendship which exists between the two countries. Much of our raw material in various lines, prominent among which is the rubber which we use in so many industries, comes from that vast empire, much of which is still unexplored and which contains riches that have never been exploited.

We are rapidly expanding our trade with that country, destined some day to be one of the great nations of the world, and we have so many interests there that we shall some day be the dominating influence, so far as any foreign country can be, in Brazil's commerce.

Some day the rich natural resources of Brazil will be more thoroughly exploited, and it is our due that we should have a great hand in helping to develop that exploitation.

We have many things which are needed in Brazil and the fact that the Brazilian people, alien in tongue and in origin, still cherish a respect and an admiration for our country, is evidence that we may expect to receive our rightful dues in the way of commerce and trade.

Already many thousands of Brazilian youths are coming to this country to receive their education, instead of going to Europe as their parents and grandparents did, and they are taking back with them the lessons of true democracy which are so well assimilated in that great country.

We will do well to sow the seed of friendship and trust in that fertile soil, and to foster the growth of an international understanding that shall some day result in the most amicable relations between the United States of America and the United States of Brazil.

DEADLY NEGLIGENCE.

If there is one thing that parents should do in training their children, it is to caution them against playing with fire or with matches. Within a day or two of each other, two children, one but four years old and the other six, died from burns received while playing with fire.

The elder of the two children was playing with others around a bonfire in the yard, and when she attmepted to stamp out the fire, her clothing caught and she was burned to death in the presence of her mother, who was unable to extinguish the flames quickly enough to save her child.

The other little one was playing with matches in her little play house. Some straw on the floor caught fire, the wind fanned the flames and blew the door shut, and the mother, not knowing the child was shut inside the burning house, called the fire department. After the flames were extinguished, the little body, charred and almost unrecognizable, was found in the ruins.

There are many perils to which children are submitted through their own ignorance and the negligence of older people. Danger from venomous reptiles, from drowning, from falling into uncovered holes; but chief of the dangers is that from fire.

The average child loves to play with fire. There is a fascination in seeing the flames seize and devour paper, sticks and rubbish that appeals to the child as no other amusement can.

Some children are taught from earliest childhood, almost before they can walk, the danger of playing with fire. They are taught that they must never touch matches, never approach an open fire and always be careful when playing with other children to permit no one to bring fire near them.

Perhaps no other danger needs to be so guarded against as that of fire. The atavistic love of fire comes down to us from the days when our remotest ancestors huddled around the red blaze of some tree struck by lightning and were grateful for its warmth. To the children of the first men, a fire was something to be cherished, something to rejoice over, something to wonder at when a flash from the darkened sky was the only means of producing it.

Nowadays there are so many other forms of amusement for children that it would seem unpardonable not to teach them to keep away from fire and never to play with matches.

In many households the use of anything but safety matches becomes imperative. A single match that can be scratched anywhere may cost precious lives, as well as great property loss. And if the child can be kept from using matches by the expedient of never letting the safety matchbox reach his hands, one great step in the direction of fire prevention is taken.

The death of these little ones will cause a lifelong sorrow, not only to the parents but to the friends of the families. The worst feature of such a loss is the knowledge that it was preventable, and that only the lack of precaution permitted the irreparable loss.

But the deplorable affair will have a salutary effect on other parents, and it may result in preventing many other accidents of a similar nature. It ought to warn all grown people against permitting children to run into needless danger, when there are so many other games that are innocent and harmless.

Constant vigilance is the price of safety, we are told. And the older people should see to it that the children are not allowed to place themselves in peril through their ignorance of what should be guarded against.

When every precaution has been taken to prevent the children running into danger, it will be found that many deaths of innocent ones might have been prevented through a little care.

TWENTY YEARS OF YALE FORESTRY.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 17.—When some 135 out of the 513 men who have graduated from the Yale School of Forestry since its founding twenty years ago, meet here early next week to celebrate this anniversary they will constitute the largest group of professional forester ever assembled in one place. Many of these men will come from far parts of the country. Some of them have not returned to New Haven since graduation. The Yale School of Forestry is the oldest school of its kind in America. Although the school has given many trained men to the Government service, its greater contribution to the nation lies perhaps in a different direction. In a sense it has been the parent school for nearly all the institutions of its kind. There are at the present time twelve forest schools which offer professional training in forestry by devoting four or five years of schooling to the subject. Of these twelve schools, ten are under the direction of Yale men and eleven have Yale graduates in their faculties. In all, forty-one Yale foresters are engaged in training professional foresters in America.

STORE ROBBED LAST NIGHT OF QUANTITY MERCHANDISE

Burglars Entered Store of A. Saft During Last Night and Secured Shoes, Pants, Etc. and Cash.

The store of A. Saft, at the corner of Hidalgo street and San Bernardo Avenue, was entered some time during last night by a burglar or burglars who effected entrance through a rear window, from which the bars were removed, and a quantity of goods stolen, in addition to some cash.

The losses reported to the police department this morning by Mr. Saft showed that the intruders secured forty pairs of shoes, five pairs of trousers, a lady's overcoat and other articles, and looted the drawer of the cash register of the sum of $15. The police are working on the case, but up to this morning had found no clue that would lead to the recovery of the missing goods.

Notice.

The public is hereby warned that the firing of firearms, cannon crackers and other fire works prohibited by law will not be tolerated during the holidays and violators of this law will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

M. BRENNAN,
City Marshall.

12-11-18t.

TIMES WANT ADS.
Money Makers

LOCAL NEWS

—The Beautiful Buick coupe that was on display at the Rio Grande Buick Co. was purchased by Dr. H. C. Hall.

—A trio of notorious Mexican pickpockets and thieves from the interior of Mexico appeared in Nuevo Laredo yesterday and then disappeared, probably coming to Laredo. The local officers have been advised by the Nuevo Laredo officers to "cuidado" for these professional thieves.

—To accommodate Christmas shoppers, we will remain open in the evening until Christmas. L. Daiches, the Jeweler. 12-15-3t.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Juan Alvarez and Miss Andrea Verver, Marcos Vasquez and Mrs. Maria Luna.

—The carnival is in progress at the Soldiers Club in this city, the proceeds of the carnival to be used in providing a Merry Christmas for the soldier boys and their families. Go and enjoy the features of the carnival and at the same time help a worthy cause.

—Don't forget to buy more Christmas seals and aid in the fight on tuberculosis. On sale at all drug-stores.

—A number of shots from an automatic pistol resounded on the Rio Grande front this morning about 6:30 which attracted much attention, but it is reported that the shots were fired on the Mexican side and were perhaps the work of somebody laboring under a hallucination that there was a fire around. However, a fire would have been very comfortable at the time.

—Christmas seals wil be on sale at the postoffice all of next week.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: One carload of earthenware, one carload of lead, three carloads of ixtle and carload of ore.

Seen In "The Saphead"

An exact reproduction of the New York Stock Exchange is seen in "The Saphead," the Metro production now showing at the Rialto Theatre Sunday. Several hundred people are pictured in the scene representing a Wall street panic. The Stock Exchange, even in normal times, is one of the most interesting sights in the country, with its quotations affecting the life of the world. In panic times, it is thrilling, and this thrill is reproduced in the picture. It is heitened by the suspense of the of the drama, in which the extravagant young man about town, played by Buster Keaton, fights to save the fortune of his father, the arrogant financier, played by Wiliam H. Crane

Your Troubles May be a Warning of a Nervous Breakdown

Nine failures out of ten are due to personal physical conditions.

The causes are usually not far to seek—at first a little brain fag, weakened memory, insomnia, nervous indigestion and increased irritability, nerves become unstrung—finally there is a complete breakdown of the nervous system.

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helps rebuild the nerve system and makes rich blood. The properties of this blood tonic and nerve sedative should double the nerve health in ten days. Every nerve, every tissue will receive its share of energy and health. Take heed of the warnings. Don't be a failure. Build up your health with Sensapersa. Two sizes, 50c. and $1.00 at your Druggist or from

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IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER, 17.

Few Americans of today have the splendid mental equipment, the diplomatic training, the ripe statesmanship, the knowledge of men to such a decree as Dr. David Jayne Hill, who is mentioned for the post of Secretary of State in the next cabinet. He was a university president at the age of twenty-nine, with all the other accomplishments that such a position in the educational world suggest. He was early the author of textbooks on rhetoric, logic, psychology, economics, sociology, and philosophy. From a college lecturer he became a brilliant public speaker. For five years he was Assistant Secretary of State at Washington and subsequently was United States Minister to Switzerland and to the Netherlands. From 1908 to 1911 he was Ambassador to Germany and in addition he has represented the United States in numerous important international conferences.

In the middle ages it was generally believed that at Christmas time all trees and plants became specially intelligent. Hence the many legends of trees opening their branches and screening the Holy Family in their flight into Egypt, when pursued by Herod's soldiers.

MRS. M. C. CROWLEY, of Los Angeles, who says Tanlac Completely restored her health after everything else, even a change of climate, failed to help her in the least.

"I came to Los Angeles trying to regain my health, but I didn't get any better, even in this wonderful climate, until I began taking Tanlac," said Mrs. M. C. Crowley, who lives at 1041 South Hill St., Los Angeles, the other day.

"I was so weak and broken down that I was hardly able to get about at all. I suffered terribly after my meals on account of my food souring and gas forming on my stomach, and I would feel so tight that I could hardly get a good breath. My appetite left me and I was so nervous that I couldn't stand the least noise and I never knew what it was to get a good night's sleep.

"I tried dieting for more than two years, but that didn't help me any, for I was continually getting worse all the time and actually lost twenty-five pounds in weight.

"All the different treatments and medicines I took failed to do me the least bit of good, and I finally came to the conclusion that my condition would never be any better.

"I known from my personal experience with it that Tanlac is a good medicine, for as soon as I began taking it, I began to improve. Why, it is perfectly wonderful the way I have gained in strength, weight and every other way, and I now feel like a different woman entirely.

"I have a fine appetite and my nerves are in such perfect condition that I sleep sondly every night. I never suffer from sour stomach and gas forming after meals and, in fact, all my troubles ave just gradually disappeared since taking Tanlac.

"I feel so thankful over my improvement that I am glad to have the opportunity to recommend Tanlac to everybody."

Tanlac is sold in Laredo by City Drug Store.

CHIPPENDALE'S BOOK.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—A recent addition to the Pennsylvania Museum, Memorial aHll, Fairmont Park, of interest to cabinet makers is that of a huge quarto volume of "The Gentleman and Cabinet Makers' Director," by Thomas Chippendale, master cabinet maker of the eighteenth sentury.

The book, which is very rare, was published in London in 1754 and put under the protection of Hugh, Earl of Northumberland. Attached to the venerable tome is a list of the subscribers, among which figure the names of noblemen, cabinet makers and even that of a bricklayer. There are 160 copper plate engravings and the work is "a large collection of the most elegant and useful designs of household furniture in the Gothic, Chinese and modern taste."

In a communication addressed to the public of his time, Chippendale resented the harsh criticism that his drawings were specious and impossible to be worked out by any mechanics whatsoever, and said that on the whole he has given to design in "The Gentleman and Cabinet Makers' Director" what may be executed with advantage by the hands of a skilled workmen. He further claimed that the designs were ably calculated to assist gentlemen in the choice of their furniture and cabinet-makers in the execution of their designs.

This book of Chippendale, which is about to be put on exhibition for the first time, was made thirty years before the embassy from George III to the Emperor Kien Lung of China brought back more accurate information concerning the costumes and manners of the Chinese, but they mark the height of the fashion for "Chinoiserie" so far as England was concerned.

Of the delicate copper plate drawings in the Chippendale book are to be found proofs that only a few were actually constructed. But as a guide to the style of period and a model of the working drawings from the master's workshop they are invaluable. Of late the book has been difficult to obtain in Europe and so far as is known there is but one copy in Philadelphia.

NO CHARGES FOR THE VISES FOR ALL LOCAL PASSPORTS

MEXICAN CONSULATES WILL REMOVE PRESENT RATE OF VISES

Orders Will Be Issued by Mexican Government Making Local Passports Free and Trip Passes $2.

According to information given out by Mexican Consul General Arturo de Saracho prior to his departure for his old home in Sinaloa, Mexico, last night accompanied by his wife to spend the holidays, orders are daily expected from Mexico City which will greatly modify the passport regulations existing at this time as concerns residents of the border country.

While in Mexico City recently Consul General de Saracho took up the matter of passport regulations along the border and succeeded in convincing the Mexican officials that modifications were necessary as appertains to the local passports along the Mexican border. As a result the new orders, which are expected to be issued any day now, will remove the charge of $10 for vise by the Mexican consulates along the border of local passports between places like Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and so on, and no charge will be made under the new regulations, instead of $10 as is at present required for any and all kinds of passports.

The modification of the passport regulations by the Mexican government will remove a great incumbrance from those who secure one-day and ten-day trip passes by reducing the charge of $10 to $2 for vise of such passes, together with local passports, or border passports, will stimulate commercial relations between the various cities along the border.

IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, AT LAREDO.

In the matter of The Bor-Tex Oil Co., Bankrupt. No. 46, in bankruptcy.

To the creditors of the above named bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that heretofore, on November 12, 1920, The Bor-Tex Oil Company, was adjudicated bankrupt, and the first meeting of its creditors will be held in the U. S. District Court room at Laredo, Texas, in Webb County, Texas, on December 28, 1920, at 4 o'clock P. M. at which time such creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the officers of the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

Issued this the 15th day of December, 1920.

JNO. C. SCOTT,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

BOY IS AGAIN IN THE TOILS AFTER ESCAPING TWO TIMES

Fourteen-Year Old Houdini is Now in Jail for Third Time and Will Face Trial During Coming Week.

Arturo Siller, the 14-year-old boy arrested here some weeks ago on charges of theft from the stores of Richter, oDdier and Kress, and who twice has successfully made his escape from the county jail here, is behind the walls for the third time now, having been recaptured yesterday afternoon by Special Officer Abel Cantu after a long chase, and while the young fugitive was disguised by means of big goggles and a cap.

Siller, who is a veritable Houdini when it comes to slipping out of jail, will be arraigned for trial next week (unless he escapes again) on charges of theft.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE, D. 'L. 201.

Southern District of Texas. By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, on the 13th day of December, 1920, notice is hereby given that I will sell by public auction, for cash on Jan. 3rd, 1921, at 10:00 A. M., at the Court Room of the Federal Building, Laredo, Texas, the following described property, viz: 9 S. & W. pistols and revolvers, 3 Browning Automatic pistols, 36 miscellaneous pistols, Colt's and other patterns, 1 Savage pistol, 8 H. & R. pistols, 2 Spanish revolvers and 5 lots of ammunition of different calibers.

J. A. HERRING,
U. S. Marshal S. D. T.
By ALLEN WALKER, Deputy.

WILL CHANGE OFF NEXT WEEK AND TAKE UP CRIMINAL CASES

Light Docket in District Court and Criminal Cases Will Be Disposed of Within a Short Time.

Since the convening of the present term of the district court in this city most of the time has been devoted to the disposing of civil cases set for trial on the docket, these including a number of divorce cases and other matters demanding the attention of the court.

On next Monday morning, however, the criminal docket will be called for trial and the three or four cases set for trial will be taken up and disposed of. The criminal docket at this term of the court is unusually light, as only six bills of indictment were returned.

A NEW SCHEDULE ON SUNDAY AFFECTING LAREDO TRAINS

MORNING TRAIN WILL ARRIVE EARLIER, AFTERNOON LATER.

Change Will Provide Better Connections, However, for Trains Reaching This City From Mexico.

Effective Sunday morning, December 19, at 12:01 o'clock, a change of schedule of trains on the International & Great Northern railway will go into effect that changes the time of arival and departure of trains on that road in and out of Laredo.

Southbound train No. 1, which now arrives in Laredo daily at 8 a. m will arrive here beginning Sunday at 7:30 a. m., one-half hour earlier.

Southbound train No. 5, which now arrives here each afternoon at 4:10 o'clock, will hereafter arrive here at 4:30, or twenty minutes later.

Northbound train No. 8, which now leaves here each morning at 9:30, under the new schedule will leave at 11:15 o'clock, one hour and 45 minutes later than at present.

Northbound train No. 2, which now leaves here each night at 9 o'clock will, beginning Sunday, leave at 10 o'clock, or one hour later.

The departure of the night trains for the northbound will give more time at Laredo for connections by the National Lines of Mexico trains, and if the Mexican trains happen to be an hour or two late, even then there will be ample time to get to the American side in time to catch the night train. The same condition applies as to the northbound morning train, which will beginning Sunday, leave here at 11:15 a. m. instead of 9:30 a. m., thereby giving almost two hours more time for connection with the morning trains arriving in Nuevo Laredo and Laredo from Mexico points. The only inconvenience presented in the new schedule is the later arrival of the afternoon train, which will come into Laredo twenty minutes later than at present.

Announcement.

For the convenience of those who wish to do their Christmas shopping late in the evening, we will keep our store open until 9 p. m. every day next week.

F. W. WOOLWORTH CO.

12-16 9t.

To Our Many Laredo Friends.

On account of our inability to personally call on our many friends in Laredo and bid them goodbye prior to our departure from the city to spend the holidays with the old folks at home, we take this method of doing so and to wish each and every one of our Laredo friends and acquaintances a most Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Arturo de Saracho.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Saturday fair; frost.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 66 degs.
Min. temp. 34 degs.
General direction of wind: Northeast.
Clear.

Notice.

Having purchased R. G. Tonkin's interest in garage located at 1011 Matamoros street am in a position to take care of your automobile repairing. Only first class American mechanics, prompt service, right prices and guaranteed work, our motto.

L. B. SMITH.

12-11-6t.

Notice to Hunters.

No hunting or fishing will be allowed in our pastures nor in our lakes. Please don't ask for permits.

WORMSER BROS.

11-6-2m.

SOLDIERS CARNIVAL IS A SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT

BIG CROWD ASSEMBLED AT SOLDIERS CLUB LAST NIGHT.

Splendid Music, Dancing on Roof, Cabaret Performance and Coney Island Delights Furnished Program.

The Soldiers Club was the scene last night of much animation and enjoyment, the occasion being the opening night of the Soldiers Carnival. Hundreds of people were present, two bands furnished delightful music, and the cabaret shows and other features added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Fifteen booths, devoted to the sale of confetti, candy, canes, and all the rest of a Coney Island "concession," were well patronized, and the "grocery store" was an innovation.

During the evening dancing was enjoyed on the roof, with fine music, and the dancing under the stars was something to be remembered by those from distant climes, where an outdoor dance in December would be impossible, unless furs were the costume.

The carnival will run tonight and Saturday night, beginning at 8 o'clock, and an evening of pure enjoyment is promised all who attend. On Saturday night Legionnaire Bobbitt will be seen in a new role, that of auctioneer, when he will hold a "remate" of the various good things that have been donated for the carnival. This promises to be something hilarious, and if there is anything you want, go and bid on it.

Christmas Cheer for the Poor.

Anyone having old clothing or toys which they wish to give to the poor are requested to telephone the Ursuline Convent, No. 558; Mrs. R. E. Purcell, No. 954; Mrs. J. H. Wright, No. 164; Mrs. M. P. Cullinan, No. 388; Mrs. Hal Brennan, No. 3, or Mrs. Alfred Matthews, No. 344. Or packages may be left at the Border Gas Co., or the residence of Royle K. Mims 1619 Matamoros street.

12-14-6t.

"Jes' Call Me Jim" at Royal.

The tall redwood forests around Santa Cruz, Cal., formed the setting for the big woods scene in "Jes' Call Me Jim," the new Goldwyn Picture starring Will Rogers which will appear at the Royal Theatre for two days commencing today. Little Jimmie Rogers, aged four, has a prominent part in the picture. The tiny tot, alone in the great forest, makes a prayer for the recovery of his Dad who is ill. The big woods forms an ideal setting for the cabin of "Jim" and for the subsequent scenes in which the fugitive "Paul" hides away from the posse pursuing him.

Notice to Hunters

All hunters are prohibited from unting in the Slator pasture without permission.

L. F. PIPES.

10-23-2m.

For Your Convenience

We have made arrangements with the leading Grocers of Laredo to handle

"Our Bread."

When ordering your Groceries ask your Grocer to send you a loaf of

"Sanitary Bread"

Made with FRESH, SWEET MILK.

Sanitary Bakery

"Bread is Your Best Food. Eat More of it."

GET GOOD HEALTH THROUGH

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It is:—The Most Modern,
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The Most Successful,
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Ella A. Chittenden, D. C.

Laredo's Pioneer Palmer Chiropractor

Room No. 30, Bertani Bldg. PHONE 817

From Thursday's Daily.

OUCH! ANOTHER RHEUMATIC TWINGE

Get busy and relieve those pains with that handy bottle of Sloan's Liniment

WHAT Sloan's does, it does thoroughly—*penetrates without rubbing* to the afflicted part and promptly relieves most kinds of external pains and aches. You'll find it clean and non-skin-staining. *Keep it handy* for sciatica, lumbago, neuralgia, over-exerted muscles, stiff joints, backache, pains, bruises, strains, sprains, bad weather after-effects.

For 39 years Sloan's Liniment has helped thousands the world over. You aren't likely to be an exception. It certainly does produce results.

All druggists—35c, 70c, $1.40.

Sloan's Liniment (Pain's enemy)

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER, 16.

Viscount Stuart, whose marriage to Miss Eleanor May Guggenheim of New York takes place in London today, is the son of the sixth Earl of Castletewart, the head of an old and distinguished family which has figured conspicuously in the history of Scotland and Ireland for several centuries. The Viscount was born in 1889, and was educated at the universities of Cambridge and Paris. His two elder brothers were killed in action in the late war. He served himself throughout the conflict and received the Military Cross for valor. His family reside the most of the time in London, but their principal seat is Stuart Hall, in County Tyrone Ireland.

NOW A SERGEANT.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 16.—Leonard F. Matlack, former army captain who gained nation-wide prominence last year when he rescued two American aviators, Lieutenants Peterson and Davis, from Mexican bandits, is now "Sergeant Matlack." Matlack was discharged from the army recently, but he immediately re-enlisted as sergeant—the rank he held before the world war.

Sergeant Matlack, who has been in the service for 26 years, is well-known for his activities against bandits in the Big Bend district of Texas. He has been reassigned to his old organization—troop K of the 8th cavalry, stationed at Fort Bliss.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER, 16.

1773—Citizens of Boston, disguised as Indians, emptied 340 chests of tea into the bay, in protest against the English tax.

1809—Divorce of Napoleon I., and the Empress Josephine.

1811—A severe earthquake was experienced in the southern States and in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

1343—Joseph V. Quarles, United States senator from Wisconsin, born at Kenosha, Wis. Died in 1911.

1848—The Park Theatre in New York city was destroyed by fire.

1870—Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America organized at Jackson, Tenn.

1884—World's Industrial Cotton Centennial Exposition opened at New Orleans.

1905—Prince and Princess of Wales (King George and Queen Mary) visited Agra, India.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Three hundred years ago today the Mayflower dropped anchor at Plymouth.

One hundred and fifty years ago today was born Ludwig von Beethoven, one of the greatest of musical composers.

The Bishops of the Southern Methodist Church are to assemble today at Birmingham, Ala., for their annual Fall meeting.

The enthronement of Rt. Rev. J. M. Gannon as Roman Catholic bishop of Erie, Pa., is to take place today at St. Peter's Cathedral, in Erie.

Plans for aiding the farmers are to be discussed at a conference of leaders of co-operative farm movements to be held today at St. Louis.

An Anglo-American marriage is to take place in London today when Miss Eleanor May Guggenheim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Guggenheim of New York, becomes the bride of Viscount Stuart, son and heir of the Earl of Castletewart.

Whether the name of Henry Kendall College, the first college in the old Indian Territory, shall be changed to the University of Tulsa, is to be decided today at a meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Oklahoma.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER, 16.

President Wilson refuse to agree to any compromise on the Peace Treaty.

ITALIANS PROGRESSING.

By Associated Press.

Rome, Dec. 16.—The American Ambassador, Robert Underwood Johnson, who has returned from a visit to the Piave, Isonzo and Asiago sectors of the Italian war front, including much of the devastated region, declares that the Italians are progressing well in their efforts to make these war areas again fit for habitation.

"I doubt whether any other region of the war would make a better showing of recuperation," said Mr. Johnson to The Associated Press correspondent.

"I April I saw the devastated regions of France from Chaeau Thierry to Rheims, an awful sight which may be commended to those who are willing to take the risk of another great war. Save for a few barracks and isolated pieces of repair little had been done to rebuild.

"Today in the midst of equal devastation, there is hardly a town in Italy in which 20 percent of the houses have not been renewed or repaired for occupancy, and the proportion is usually from 50 to 65 percent. The refugees, most of them still living in the government barracks, are hard at work. New houses on handsome Italian models are going up every week. The second story may have been destroyed, but if the first has walls it is roofed and made habitable for the time.

"The courage and resourcefulness of war time was not greater than is that of peace, and both call for the admiration of the world. This needs, to be accentuated because Italy has had so much to contend with, first in the failure of this year's crops of wheat and corn; next, from the cloudbursts and floods; and, third from the disturbing industrial conditions. Fortunately, the season has been good for building and for every man in Friule seems to have become a carpenter or mason. Still, this region, with all the aid to reconstruction that the government can give, faces a winter of hardship and severe cold.

"The people of Trieste are not only brave and industrious, but gentle and courteous, and like most Italians, they respond to treatment. We saw no evidence of current violence, which indeed is not directed against travellers, but is either industrial or political, and is local."

The machinery for silk and cotton manufacture was all carried off by the Austrians.

Most of the inhabitants have had to begin at the bottom, but they are used to the conflict of nature, and with fairly normal conditions, and a good harvest or two, the region will be well restored.

Ambassador Johnson compared the Italian battlefield on the Carso with the fields of famous battles of the American Civil War, and declared that nothing at Gettysburg or Bloody Angle was more difficult than the assault by which the Italians won Podgora, the precipice, 700 feet high, which commanded Gorizia, and with it that important town. "The Devil's Den on the Union left at Gettysburg is not to be mentioned with these 'Bad Lands' that form so strong a defense of Trieste," he added:

"Let it not be forgotten that the Italians held a front of 420 miles, that they lost half a million killed and a million and a half wounded and that they held a million and a half of Austrians from reinforcing the western line."

WEATHER FORECAST.

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Min. temp. 33 degs.

General direction of wind: Northeast.

Clear.

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THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-ches-ter s Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable

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Succeed when everything else fails. In nervous prostration and female weaknesses they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified.

FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE

it is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

Mrs. John Tucker Halsell will entertain the Married Ladies Social Club at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. Herbert Freuler at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The four circles of the W. M. U. of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday.

Posada at the Latin-American Club at 8:30 o'clock in the evening with Mesdames E. S. Vidaurri, Ricardo Gonzalez, A. Rivera, Martin Volpe, S. Canseco, and Elisa Yzaguirre as hostesses.

The Rose.

A rose, as fair as ever saw the North,
Grew in a little garden all alone;
A sweeter flower did Nature ne'er put forth.
No fairer garden yet was ever known;
The maidens danced about it morn and noon,
And learned bards of it their ditties made;
The nimble fairies by the pale-faced moon
Watered the root and kissed her pretty shade.
But well a-day—the gardener careless grew;
The maids and fairies both were kept away,
And in a drouth the caterpillars threw
Themselves upon the bud and every spray.
God shield the stock! If Heaven send no supplies,
The fairest blossom of the garden dies.

—Indianapolis News.

General Mention.

The kindergarten class of Mrs. Leonor Magnon will give an entertainment at the Royal Opera House next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock to which the public is cordially invited.

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Mrs. Bettie F. Atlee returnel home yesterday from a visit to Dallas and San Antonio.

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Mrs. A. B. Muller and little son left yesterday morning for San Marcos to visit Mrs. Sidney Jackman for a few days.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Haynes will leave tonight for their home in Los Angeles, California.

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Mrs. Lottie O'Brien and daughter, Miss Gladys O'Brien, are in Tampico, Mexico, and are pleasantly located.

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Messrs. Albert Martin, Bob Alexander and A. B. and R. L. Muller left yesterday noon on a hunting trip and will return on Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Saracho expect to leave tonight for their old home in Sinaloa, Mexico, to spend the Christmas holidays.

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Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Hall are enjoying a hunting trip near Webb.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jackman and son are expected in the city next week to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Ida Muller.

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Ernest Heaner, who is attending school at the Rice Institute in Houston, is expected home on December 22 for the holidays.

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St. Elmo Trout, who is attending the University at Austin, will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

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James Richter is expected home from Washington and Lee University for the holidays.

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Jack King, who is in Houston, a student at the Rice Institute, is expected home for the holidays.

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Mrs. William Small of San Antonio arrived in the city this afternoon for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Yeager.

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Announcement.

Miss Kathleen Heaner will entertain with a Christmas Party at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, December 28, in honor of her brother, Earnest Heaner.

PINKY MITCHELL VS. CLONIE TAIT.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 16.—Clonie Tait, the Canadian lightweight champion, and Pinky Mitchell, the fast Milwaukee boxer, are to furnish the stellar feature of a boxing show to be piled off here tomorrow night. The two are carded to go ten rounds.

KANSAS ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 16.—Topeka is entertaining for two days the annual meeting of the Kansas Engineering Society. A large attendance of members marked the opening of the proceedings today.

LAUGHED IN FACE OF DEATH

French Aristocrats Made Mockery of the Guillotine, Which Was Daily Claiming Its Victims.

When the French Terror was in being, and tragedy was leering from every corner, the gay young royalists still insisted upon gayety, and treated with a rare mockery the shadow of death that was always just outside their door. A grim fashion was started in the latter part of 1793 that soon became popular at all banquets and dinners the royalists and aristocrats gave behind locked doors and pulled-down shades.

When the dinner was served a servant brought on a toy guillotine, exact in every detail to the terrible instrument that was chopping the heads from friends and relatives of those gathered, and which would in turn soon chop off many a head at the gathering. The hostess, with a gay laugh, would produce as many dolls as there were guests, and each labeled with a name of an enemy to the old order. She would put the head of each doll in turn beneath the knife and drop the blade. As the head rolled into a miniature basket a sweet red wine, richly perfumed, poured from the neck, and the guests would dip their handkerchiefs in it in memory of their dead friends, and then drink the rest as a toast to death.

LATENESS

"This costume," remarked the lady with the dashing dress, "is the very latest."

"It isn't late enough, at that," commented Mr. Growcher. "It ought to be at least a thousand years later."

HARD TO PHOTO FISH.

It is by no means an easy matter to photograph active fishes like the long-eared sunfish while swimming at large in a tank containing 300 or 400 gallons of water, writes Dr. R. W. Shufeldt in the American Forestry Magazine. A photograph was taken on a very warm and sultry day in July, and the lens of the camera had to be focussed on some imaginary spot near the center of the tank, with the hope that the fish might come to rest there sooner or later as it swam about its home. After waiting for an hour or more, this actually happened, and an instantaneous exposure accomplished the desired result. Several years thereafter I was well repaid for my patience as this photograph, grouped with others of fish and various living creatures, was awarded a prize at the exhibit of the Royal Photographic society of Great Britain, held at Liverpool.

TENT CITIES PLANNED.

A plan is now being formulated to organize a chain of tent cities, beginning at Vero and extending to Miami, Fla. Tent cities have already been established at Vero, Stuart, Lake Worth and Fort Lauderdale, and it is intended to have at least 200 tents in Miami. The idea of these tent cities is to make it easy and convenient for motorists coming South to make the trip from one city to another.

A PURIST.

"So you are from Plunkville?"

"Yes."

"What population did the census give you?"

"Didn't give us any population."

"Eh?"

"The function of the census is to count the population we already had."

UNWELCOME SUGGESTION.

"Now," said the busy Red, "you will get out on your soap box—"

"Make it a dry goods box," protested the anarchist. "What has soap to do with the question?"

FARMERS HELD CONFERENCE TO DECIDE ON SOME ACTION TO RELIEVE CONDITION

Delegates Said Present Prices of Farm Products Meant Bankruptcy for Farmers and Declared They were Not Due to Law of Supply and Demand---Various Plans were Suggested Today.

OLD NEWSPAPERMAN RECEIVED 30 TODAY

COLONEL STORY, OLDEST ACTIVE JOURNALIST IN THE SOUTH PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME.

By Associated Press.

Mineral Wells, Texas, Dec. 16.—Colonel Jim Story died here today. He was 86 years old and was said to have been the oldest active newspaperman in the South, being owner of the Bokchitto, Oklahoma, News. Until a month ago he had been for two years superintendent of the Confederate Home at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Colonel Story learned the printer's trade at the age of eight years. While working for the New Orleans Picayune he enlisted in the Confederate army and became colonel in a Louisiana division. He established the first daily paper in this city.

FATALLY BURNED.

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Jack Pope, living at Clarksville, Red River county, probably was fatally burned today while attempting to extinguish a prairie fire.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS.

By Associated Press.

Geneva, Dec. 16.—Four new nations—Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Finland and Luxemburg—were made members of the league of nations by the assembly of the league today. France and Australia abstained from voting when the admission of Bulgaria was before the assembly for decision.

TO REPAIR DAMAGE.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 16.—Francisco Villa, former rebel leader in northern Mexico, has launched a movement to repair the damage wrought to Mexican cities by the revolution, according to information received here recently.

Villa has made an offer to the city of Jimenez on the Mexican Central railroad south of Chihuahua, to furnish laborers and money to assist in rebuilding the town, it is reported.

Jimenez is said to have suffered more than many other towns in the state of Chihuahua.

CLOSER RELATIONS.

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 16.—Arrangements for closer trade relations between Houston and Mexican business interests were made recently at Mexico City when T. L. Evans, manager of the foreign trade department of the Chamber of Commerce, conferred with Dr. Cutberto Hidalgo, secretary for foreign affairs of Mexico.

According to reports here from Mexico, there is a widespread resumption of agricultural, manufacturing and merchandising business throughout the southern republic.

INTERNATIONAL WEDDING.

London, Dec. 16.—Members of the American colony in London as well as numerous leaders in English society turned out today for the wedding of Miss Eleanor May Guggenheim, and Viscount Stuart. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Guggenheim of New York, and a niece of aDniel Guggenheim. She was educated in England and has many friends here. Viscount Stuart, the bridgroom, is the eldest surviving son of the Earl and Countess of Castlestewart.

Card of Thanks.

By this means we wish to express our sincere thanks to those kind friends who rendered us assistance and tendered us sympathy on the occasion of the death of our infant child; also to those who sent flowers at the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Adan Abrego.

TIMES WANT ADS.
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HELD CONFERENCE WITH GOV. COOLIDGE

PRESIDENT-ELECT CALLED HIS SECOND TO TALK OVER PROBLEMS FOR THE COMING TERM.

By Associated Press.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Making good another campaign pledge, President-elect Harding today sought the advice of Vice President-elect Coolidge on problems and policies of the coming administration. Although the plan for the association of nations is understood to be one of the principal points discussed at the conference, Mr. Coolidge's invitation to Marion was prompted in large part by the desire of the president-elect to secure advice on various domestic questions.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 16.—An unusually severe earthquake shock, estimated at 2,500 miles from Washington, was recorded early today on the seismograph at Georgetown University. The disturbance is described as the worst in two years. The distance of 2,800 miles from Washington would indicate the location of the disturbance to be in the vicinity of the Azores.

NEW COAL ROAD.

By Associated Press.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 16.—Capitalists of Chihuahua, Mexico, have organized a company to build a railroad from Ojinaga to Chihuahua City to make available a rich deposit of coal, according to returning members of the San Antonio delegation which attended the inauguration of President Obregon.

The coal it is said, was discovered by a revolutionary chieftain during his bandit days. It is claimed that the deposits are even richer than those in the State of Coahuila where a large part of the supply of Mexico is furnished.

SENATOR JONES TO SPEAK.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—Senator Wesdley L. Jones of Washington will be the guest of honor and principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Boston Real Estate Exchange tomorrow night. Senator Jones, who is chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign and Domestic Commerce, will take as his subject "The United States Merchant Marine."

PLANS FOR AIDING FARMERS.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—Plans for the relief of the farmers are to be considered at a conference of leaders of co-operative farm movements which assembled in St. Louis today in response to a call from the National Board of Farm Organizations. The re-establishment of the War Finance Corporation and the early passage of laws legalizing co-operative marketing will probably be included in the recommendations of the conference.

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—Farmers of more than a dozen states met here today to decide on some action to relieve conditions resulting from the decline in prices of their products. The delegates declared that present prices mean bankruptcy and emphasized that they were not due to the law of supply and demand. The conference was called by the National Board of Farm Organizations which is said to represent sixteen organizations throughout the United States, with a combined membership of approximately 1,500,000. Plans suggested for affording avenues of relief included the establishment of national marketing machinery to sell products and purchase agricultural supplies and the establishment of banking institutions in the various states through the co-operation of several farm organizations in strengthening their credit. It was explained that co-operation in the purchase of agricultural supplies would eliminate waste and make better prices.

CANADIAN WOMAN IN TRAIN WRECK TODAY

MRS. HAMMIL, EN ROUTE TO IDENTIFY HUSBAND'S REMAINS, DETAINED BY WRECK.

By Associated Press.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 16.—The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe train No. 17, southbound, was derailed three and a half miles south of Somerville early today. Four cars left the track, but none of the train crew was hurt. Mrs. John Hammil of Ottawa, Canada, was a passenger on the train. She was en route to Galveston to verify the identification of a man found dead from exposure here Monday morning as her husband, a wealthy Canada business man.

KILLED BY TRUCK.

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 16.—F. D. Dibble, an insurance man, was instantly killed by a motor truck this morning. He was identified by papers found in his pocket, but his address is unknown.

GIN BURNED.

By Associated Press.

Corsicana, Texas, Dec. 16.—A cotton gin belonging to Smith and Massey, seven miles south of Corsicana, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin last night. The loss is estimated at $15,000 with $8,000 insurance.

COTTON SEED REPORT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Cotton seed crushed during the period from August 1 to November 30 amounted to 1,492,919 tons, as compared with 1,716,646 tons a year ago. Seed on hand in mills November 30 was 518,809 tons, compared with 782,751 tons a year ago, the census bureau announced today.

FAMOUS TRANSPORT.

By Associated Press.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 16.—Having written history in two wars, the U. S. army transport Kilpatrick shortly will breathe the excitement of war for the mere peace commerce. The Kilpatrick, it is announced from Washington together with the transports Warren and Crook, and five others yet to be named, will be sold to the highest bidder. The others, it was stated, probably would include the Buford, Sheridan, Thomas and Logan.

The Kilpatrick is best known locally having lain here for two weeks awaiting the order from Major General Leonard Wood to embark available troops for Vera Cruz early in 1914. The order came on April 23, 1914 instructing Major General Funston to embark all available infantry, cavalry and artillery at Texas City for Vera Cruz "at daylight tomorrow."

The Kilpatrick was built in 1890 at Belfast, Ireland, and was christened at her launching as the "Michigan." She first sailed under the British flag, later being purchased by the United States army transport service and remodeled as a troop carrier. In this guise she sailed the seven seas, carrying United States soldiers wherever the Stars and Stripes floated.

During the Spanish-American war the Kilpatrick performed notable services in transporting troops to Cuba, while her services were no less conspicuous during the World War, the vessel passing many times through submarine-infested areas in traveling the "flaming road to France."

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Women students at Canadian universities this year almost equal men in numbers.

About nine-tenths of all the colleges in the United States now admit women as students.

Oberlin, in 1841, was the first college in America to bestow a degree in arts upon a woman.

It is just twenty years since France's first woman barrister, Mme. Petit, was called to the bar.

From Wednesday's Daily.

NO PROFITEERING.

While almost every issue of the newspapers of the country contain news items as to reductions in prices of almost everything in daily use, there is one thing that is certain to remain at the present level—the subscription price of the various newspapers and the present cost of advertising.

For years the average newspaper rocked along at the old prices. The subscription price was as fixed as the laws of the Medes and Persians, and the advertising price was practically in the same category.

But gradually the cost of white paper increased; so did wages and other expenses of the newspapers, including rent, transportation costs and everything else that enters into the cost of producing a newspaper.

So the war period, with its increased prices for everything else, made it necessary for the newspapers to do one of two things—raise their prices or go out of business. For they were operating—many of them, at least—on the lowest margin of profit of any business in the entire country.

Now that the high cost of living is reduced, some people are looking to see the newspapers get onto the downward slide, but they will be disappointed. For freight is costing more than a year ago, and a great deal more than five years ago; wages are still at the top notch, with no prospect of an immediate drop; news print paper now costs more than four times what it did before the war began.

Some country newspapers that formerly paid around $15 a week to "all round" printers are now offering $30 to $35, and not getting the best at that. And the city newspapers have practically doubled all their salaries.

The price of type is dependable to a certain extent upon the cost of metal and of wages. Neither have dropped, and there is even a prospect that lead—the main ingredient of type metal—will be high for some years to come, after the enormous waste of the lead product in the shape of bullets.

Machinery of all classes used in printing is now higher than ever before, and is practically double what it was in the summer of 1914. The present cost of machinery is due mainly to high wages, but high taxes and the use of iron, steel and brass for so many other things which were made for war purposes are also controlling factors.

Even at the present rate of subscription and advertising, there are few newspapers throughout the country that are making a satisfactory profit. Job printing, the use of which was never as great as at present, helps some of the newspaper offices to keep out of deep water, but the cost of the paper, ink, rollers and printing material used in that line of work is such that the prices have soared to a point unheard of before.

But it must be remembered that the public has never paid the real cost of a newspaper in the subscription price. The advertisers have made it possible for the publishers to put out the daily—or weekly—news at a price that at present will not really pay for the white paper used in the average newspaper.

So it can readily be seen that the people are not overcharged for their home paper. Really, it is the cheapest thing they have been buying for the past few years, considering the cost of publishing it.

It is as if the average grocer were to advertise 10c suger when it cost him at wholesale 12c or 13c. He would have to make it up on something else, and he could not afford to lose on the sugar without making a proportionate profit on other articles.

The other neccssities of life may be reduced but the newspaper, which has come to be necessary as anything else we use, cannot reduce its prices and stay in business.

LEARNING TO BE BLIND.

One of the most pathetic touches in the letter from Sir Arthur Pearson, the great London publisher—himself blind—asking for help for the soldiers blinded in the war is the mention of the fact that in the classrooms and workshops in London "There are more than five hundred men learning to be blind!"

Of course, it does not occur to those who have their sight that it is necessary for anyone to learn to be blind; one is blind and that is all there is to it. But the man who has lost the blessed light of day finds it necessary to learn how to be blind; how to re-orientate himself; how to make over the wreck which the war has left and reconstruct it into something which will "carry on" in some fashion until the "Last Post" sounds.

Perhaps of all afflictions caused by the war, blindness is the worst. The man who lost a limb finds it easy to do some sort of work by the aid of the artificial substitute; the man who lost his hearing still can see and if not too crippled in other ways, he can be of use in the world.

But the man who has lost his sight has to grope in the dark for many months until he has learned to do something toward his self-support, and for the rest of his life he must be dependent upon others for the guidance of his faltering steps.

As Sir Arthur says: "I do not think that anyone would say that it gets easier to be bravely blind as the years go on. It becomes easier to do things in the dark, but the demand on the will to keep pace with normal life grows greater rather than lessens. Constant effort is extraordinarily exacting."

Perhaps no affliction is so productive of introspection as blindness. The man without sight is forced to keep company with himself as no other must do. He cannot go to seek companionship; he must wait till it comes to him. He needs the helping hand to show him where to set his bewildered feet, and even when he has in part learned to be blind, he requires the touch of elbow or shoulder to keep him from straying from the track. He can never be independent even in the sense that the cripple is who has his sight.

There are few occupations open to blind men. Those in St. Dunstan's, for whom Sir Arthur makes his appeal, are taught typewriting, massage, poultry-tending and some of the crafts that can be followed without too much moving about.

But these latter are few, and not everyone is adapted to learn them. The old trades of broom and brush making bring in but small returns, and they are not a monopoly of the blind.

Still, those who are helping these blind men to become self-supporting, to remain self-respecting and not to be too self-pitying, have not lost courage. They are making as good a fight to re-establish the war-blinded soldiers as they did to take their objectives in the war.

There are some thousands of blind soldiers who still need training in arts and crafts. The world will be better for their training, for it is always better to teach men to help themselves than to keep them helpless and dependent upon others. And these men ask for something better than a mere dole of charity; they want your aid in preparing themselves to do without charity.

Anyone who has ever had to go without the light of the sun for a period of illness or of any infirmity of the eyes will appreciate what it means to these men to face blindness for the rest of their days. Most of them are still young and have an expectation of many years of life before them.

Elsewhere will be found the address of the Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Hostel, and you are asked to help in the name of Him who made the blind to see.

SCHOOLS CLOSE NEXT WEEK AND WILL ENJOY HOLIDAYS

Laredo Public Schools Close on Afternoon December 23 and Resume Work Monday January 3d.

The schools of the Laredo Independent School District will close for the holidays on Thursday afternoon, December 23, and remain closed until Monday morning, January 3, 1921, giving more than eight days of vacation to teachers and pupils.

Some of the teachers will leave here on the evening of December 23 to spend their Christmas-New Year holidays with relatives at their old homes, while a few of the pupils will do likewise, all returning here by Monday morning, January 3, in ample time for school work on that day. A number of Laredo boys and birls who are attending school in various portions of the country will be returning home for Christmas within the next week or ten days.

FUNERAL TAKES PLACE HERE NO RELATIVES HEARD FROM

Remains of Robert Carson Will Be Laid to Rest Under Auspices Machinists Union of America.

The body of Robert Carson, who dropped dead in a restaurant in Nuevo Laredo on November 23 after drinking a cup of coffee and was in the act of leaving the place, will be interred in the city cemetery this afternoon, the funeral taking place from the Jackson undertaking parlors under the auspices of the Machinists Union of America.

Deceased, who was a member of several railroad organizations, left no information as to relatives in documents found in his pockets, and the union cards he carried did not help in locating relatives. He was a resident of Lexington, Ky., but no relatives were located there. The remains have been held at the Jackson undertaking establishment since November 23.

Baby Specialists Recommend This.

Baby specialists everywhere are recommending Milk of Magnesia for infants' digestive and bowel troubles. Fidelity Quality Milk of Magnesia is made especially for children. You're sure it's pure. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Laredo by City Drug Co.

Notice.

Having purchased R. G. Tonkin's interest in garage located at 1011 Matamoros street am in a position to take care of your automobile repairing. Only first class American mechanics, prompt service, right prices and guaranteed work, our motto.

L. B. SMITH.
12-11-6t.

TIMES WANT ADS.
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OUTLOOK FOR COMING YEAR FINDS LAREDO WIDE-AWAKE

GREAT PROSPERITY IN VIEW FOR THIS CITY FOR 1921.

New Bridge and Sewer System Under Way, That Tourist Hotel Should Be Built; Big Things Coming.

With actual construction operations in full blast on both the handsome and modern international footbridge and the modern sewerage system for Laredo at the beginning of the year, this city will enter 1921 with promise of one of the most progressive years in its history, for there is also a probability that before the end of the coming year the street paving problem will be solved and the paving contract let whereby Laredo will be provided with thoroughfares equal to the best in the state.

While it is certain that numerous new business buildings and handsome homes and rent cottages will be erected during the year 1921, the matter of the erection of a modern and capacious tourist hotel should also be one of the realizations of the coming year, for Laredo, as the gateway to Mexico, which will soon experience the greatest era of prosperity in the history of that republic, will be called upon to accommodate many tourists both coming and going, and unless this hotel is built Laredo alone will suffer by the tourists passing through without stopping, while if a modern tourist hotel is here to accommodate them they may stop over several days at a time, and in many cases perhaps make investments here after seeing good opportunities for business offered them.

With peace and prosperity once again pervading Mexico it is likely that during th coming year Laredo will have a number of important distributing stations and branch business houses established here for big wholesale firms entering the Mexican territory, in fact never before in the history of this city has there been such a bright future in view for its progress, prosperity and general upbuilding, and all this means that Laredo's population will be much increased and new business blood infused into the commercial and social life of the community.

GOVERNMENT SALE.

D. L. 41-CC. On December 29, 1920, at 10 a. m., in front of the federal building in Laredo, Texas, I will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder one Buick roadster automobile.

J. A. HERRING,
U. S. Marshal, Sou. Dist. of Texas.
By ALLEN WALKER, Deputy.

PAN-AMERICAN ROUND TABLE NOW 4 YEARS OLD

San Antonio Pioneer City in Movement for Friendship Between Republics.

Four years' work of the Pan-American Round Table of San Antonio was reviewed at the last meeting of the Round Table, and attention was directed to the origin of the movement for promoting friendship between American Republics in this city. Mrs. J. C. Griswold, now director general of the Pan-American Round Table, was the original worker for the idea. Resolutions passed at the meeting of the Round Table, December 11, were as follows:

"Whereas, The Pan-American Round Table of San Antonio, Texas, was organized October 16, 1916, being the first organization of its kind in the world; and,

"Whereas, the idea and unique plan of organization originated with the organizers of this table; and,

"Whereas, The Pan-American Round Table is not affiliated with any other organization or federation of organization except the National Pan-American Round Table of New York City, which was organized by this local table, which recognizes the Pan-American Round Table of San Antonio, Texas, as the parent organization; and,

"Whereas, The plan of this organization has been endorsed by the Hon. John Barrett, former director general of the Pan-American Union and by the most prominent men of Mexico; and,

"Whereas, This table called a conference of women from Mexico and the four States bordering on the Republic of Mexico, at which conference a great deal was done to cement a better friendship beween the two republics; and,

"Whereas, We feel that the work we are doing will be of an inestimable value to the republics of the Western Hemisphere and the knowledge of our work will be a great inspiration to other thoughtful women; therefore,

"Be it resolved, That we furnish the press with copies of these resolutions to eliminate any misunderstanding as to the origin of the idea and purposes embodied in the Pan-American Round Table of San Antonio, Texas.

"Mrs. W. A. Daniels, Nicaragua; Mrs. J. K. Beretta, Canada; Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, Uruguay; Mrs. Lee Joseph, United States; Mrs. S. J. Wright, Costa Rica; Mrs. F. L. Hillyer, Guatemala; Mrs. Roy Campbell, Cuba; Mrs. A. C. Pancoast, assistant director general."—San Antonio Express.

AN APPEAL WORTH HEEDING AND IT CAN DO SO MUCH GOOD

LAREDO PEOPLE ASKED TO GIVE OLD CLOTHES FOR THE POOR.

Those Who Give Will Feel Repaid in Seeing the Comfort That It Will Bring to Suffering Humanity.

Ten days from today wil be Christmas day, and while many epople of this city wil make the day the gladsome occasion by enjoying their supiy of this world's goods, there are a large number of deserving poor that will depend on the generous, kindly folks of the community to lend a helping hand that they, too, may enjoy the pleasures of Christmas —either in the way of being provided with comfertable clothing to keep the chill of winter from their bodies, or by being given food to sustain them.

While there is nobody allowed to starve in a civilized community anywhere, nevertheless there is much suffering on the part of those poor people who have barely enough clothing to keep the chill of winter from their scantily-clad bodies. Sme of the good women of Laredo, including the Sisters of the Ursuline Convent, are appealing to the people of Laredo who have surplus clothing which they can donate to the poor to send those clothes to certain places or telephone certain parties and the clothes will be called for. That there will be a generous response to this appeal there is no gainsaying, for the people of Laredo are always generous and will prove themselves equal to the occasion. They would rather take their surplus old clothing and give it to some deserving one rather than see that person, whether it be on adult or a child, stand shivering in the cold and suffering the tortures of the rigors of winter. Many wardrobes contain clothing that has been relegated there and perhaps never will be used by the owner again—these are the clothes that could add so much comfort to some of God's unfortunate creatures who need the help of others who are bttter provided.

While the more fortunate will have big Christmas spreads, a plenteous supply of Christmas presents and warm bodies on Christmas day, remember that other unfortunates will have a scant morsel of food, empty stockings and be in tatters—clothes too scant to keep the chilly winds from gnawing at their bodies. Don't let that condition exist in Laredo. Help the poor!

Sore Throat.

You can stop sore throat quickly if you will gargle with Fidelity Sore Throat Medicine. Always keep it in the house for emergency use. When it's Fidelity Quality you're sure it's pure. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Laredo by City Drug Co.

LAREDO KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ANSWERED ANNUAL ROLL CALL

Aztec Lodge No. 111 Well Attended by Home Members and Received Greetings From Absentees.

Last night Aztec Lodge No. 111, Knights of Pythias, had its annual roll call, and the lodge room was comfortably filled with the members. After the roll call, sandwiches and coffee were served, followed by cigars, and the members had a real old-fashioned get-together meeting.

Messages were received from absent members, some from a distance, enclosing Christmas greetings to the lodge and all home members, and expressing loyalty to "old Aztec," the mother lodge.

Among those present was Captain F. J. Lipstreu, a member of the lodge for years past, and a Past Chancellor. Capt. Lipstreu will be best remembered as former Sergeant Lipstreu of the Quartermaster Corps, stationed at Fort McIntosh, who left here five years ago for service in Panama, where he has since been stationed until a few days ago. He is spending a few days in Laredo and naturally had to answer roll call with his brother members of Aztec Lodge.

Christmas Cheer for the Poor.

Anyone having old clothing or toys which they wish to give to the poor are requested to telephone the Ursuline Convent, No. 558; Mrs. R. E. Purcell, No. 954; Mrs. J. H. Wright, No. 164; Mrs. M. P. Cullinan, No. 388; Mrs. Hal Brennan, No. 3, or Mrs. Alfred Matthews, No. 344. Or packages may be left at the Border Gas Co., or the residence of Royle K. Mims 1619 Matamoros street.

12-14-6t.

Notice.

A representative of the Genco Power and Light Plants for farms, mines, etc., is in the city for the purpose of making a contract with a reliable exporting or jobbing concern to handle the plants in Mexico. Call for J. B. Bedford, Hamilton Hotel.

Notice to Hunters

All hunters are prohibited from unting in the Slator pasture without permission.

L. F. PIPES.
10-23-2m.

LOCAL NEWS

—Gabriel Snubblers "Snub the Shock." Try a set. Rio Grande Buick Co. 12-15-6t.

—The commissioners court, which convened on Monday in regular monthly session, finished their business yesterday afternoon and adjourned for the holidays. Much road business, auditing and paying of accounts, etc., were taken care of at the term of the court.

—Public stenographer. Hamilton Hotel. Ask for Mrs. Bragg. 12-14-tf.

—A big assortment of genuine spruce Christmas trees, all sizes, have been received by Joe Barberio & Co., and are now on sale. Come early while the supply is complete. 12-14-6t.

—The following marriage license was issued by the county clerk yesterday: Francis A. Thornton and Miss Manuelita Emma S. Castillo.

—To accommodate Christmas shoppers, we will remain open in the evening until Christmas. L. Daiches, the Jeweler. 12-15-3t.

—Johnson's Candy one to five pounds at Windrows. 12-13-tf.

—Talking dolls just received at The Bon Ton. Good assortment of sizes and prices. 12-9-6t.

—The number of Mexican laborers passing through Laredo enroute to their old homes in Mexico has diminished to the minimum the past few days, but with the fresh norther now here there will be another stream of these people heading southward within the next few days.

—Violet Rays Lens makes night driving a pleasure. For sale by the Rio Grande Buick Co. 12-15-6t

—Special price on French Christmas mix 30 cents a pound beginning December 13th until Christmas. Made by Santiago Pappas. Pay us a visit and save money. Also all kinds of walking canes and fancy boxes. LAREDO CANDY CO. 1-8-14t.

—Fine Stationery, 50c to $16.00 at Windrows. 12-13-tf.

—The norther which struck here early yesterday morning has continued to gain in intensity so far as the blustery wind goes, and Laredo real estate has been on the rise the past two days, which means that the housewife has her hands full just now exercising a feather duster and dusting cloths.

—See the Buick 48 on display at the Rio Grande Buick Co. This is the most beautiful coupe every shown in Laredo. 12-15-6t.

—Information on Ford cars and general repairs. Work called for and delivered. Call 670 or 1189. 11-17-1m.

—Christmas Trees, genuine spruce, all sizes and prices. Make your selection early. Joe Barberio & Co. 12-14-6t.

—Purses and handbags of velvets and brocades. Smart ideas in new veils and Gordon hose, both silk and wool, make attractive Christmas gifts. The Bon Ton. 12-9-6t.

—Laredo business establishments present busy scenes these days with the numerous Christmas shoppers who are out in force making their purchases. The early shopping idea has taken strong in Laredo this year and the early purchasers are getting their choice of the assortments of Christmas goods.

—Side wings add style to your automobile. Comfort in hot and cold weather. It improves the looks of the finest car 100 per cent. For sale by the Rio Grande Buick Co. 12-15-6t.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348. 4-27-tf.

—THE McGEE TOMATO makes 1200 bushels per acre and I only have the pure pedigreed seed. Please write for full information. M. C. McGee, San Marcos, Texas. 11-23-2m.

—Tom Mix in "The Texan" was the attraction at the Royal Theater yesterday and he is on the program there again today. Those who like the wild west stuff will find plenty of it, with the incidental thrills, suspense, etc., in "The Texan."

—Eastman Kodaks, all prices at Windrows. 12-13-tf.

—If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-tf.

—Special reductions on every hat in stock Friday and Saturday at The Bon Ton. 12-9-6t.

—The importations through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon consisted of nine carloads of ixtle, one carload of pecans and one carload of baskets, besides a quantity of goods brought in by trucks.

Don't forget that New Edison 'Xmas at Windrows. 12-13-tf.

—A quantity of seized jewelry was disposed of at auction in the federal building this morning to the highest bidders for cash.

Masonic Notice.

There will be special meetings of Laredo Lodge, No. 547, A. F. & A. M., Wednesday evening at 7:30; work in F. C. degree; and Friday evening at 7:30; work in E. A. degree. All visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

R. B. LEE, W. M.
12-14-2t.

DUMPING RADICALS.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Emigration to the United States from Central Europe has reached a stage where it threatens to dump into America nearly 1,000,000 of the "most undesirable peoples of Europe," says an official of the American State Department who has been watching the recent exodus with much concern.

The emigrants are principally from Russia and Poland, and large numbers of them, who are very poor, have been directly assisted with money and advice from America, the correspondent was told. Consular offices are swamped with their applications for passports and steamship accommodations are inadequate to carry all who have permits to sail.

"There is virtually no check on this movement, which beyond any qestion must soon be a most serious problem in America," the correspondent was informed. "An effort has been made to keep out the so-called 'reds,' but that, too, is futile for it is impossible to investigate the applicants carefully enough to exclude undesirables.

"The only thing that can be done, it seems to me, is a new immigration law sharply curtailing this business of dumping the down-and-outs of Europe upon our shores And that, too, is going to be a difficult thing for there will always be the possibility of discrimination against classes that would make valuable citizens. If immigration should be stopped entirely for a few years, say five, we might wake up to the situation in America and seek a way out of the trouble.

"The government's agents have been doing their best to meet the emergency with the machinery of the law, but that is pitiably inadequate. About all that can be done is to send department of justice agents to New York and "warn' the grafters and the more radical promoters of this immigration that they must not resort to illegal means. Some of them who were reaping rich rewards out of the passport business —pretending to secure proper papers for sums paid in hand—have been frightened off, but there are others still at work.

"One of these grafters has moved to Berlin and probably is doing a thriving business. Nothing can be done about it. He is within the law, as far as we are concerned. He may go out and collect any amount of fees for 'assisting' immigrants to secure passports and whether he succeeds in getting the papers, which cannot be held up if the applicant meets requirements, or not he can keep the money. The applicant won't 'squeal.'

'However, such men are only a part of the scheme operating to shift the immigrants into America."

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER, 15.

1793—Henry Charles Carey, the first American leader in the policy of protection, born in Philadelphia. Died there, Oct. 13, 1879.

1836—General Post Office and Patent Office, in Washington, destroyed by fire.

1837—Philip Syng Physick, known as "the father of American surgery," died in Philadelphia. Born there, July 7, 1768.

1849—Remains of Napoleon I. laid with great pomp in tomb at Invalides, Paris.

1845—Great excitement over a speech by Senator Cass, which seemed to portend a war with England respecting Oregon.

1871—The Alabama Arbitration Commission met and organized at Geneva.

1891—Election riots at Waterford, Ireland, between Parnellites and anti-Parnellites.

1899—British under Gen. Buller were severely defeated by the Boers while attempting to ford the Tugela River, near Colenso.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER, 15.

Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, the engineer who built the famous tower in Paris which bears his name, born at Dijon, France, 88 years ago today.

Bishop William F. Oldham, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, born at Bungalore, India, 66 years ago today.

Edwin Howland Blashfield, one of the foremost American painters in the realm of mural decoration, born in New York City, 72 years ago today.

Van H. Manning, former director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, now director of research of the American Petroleum Institute, born at Horn Lake, Miss., 59 years ago today.

Camberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, crop and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER, 15.

W. J. Harahan, who has been elected president of the Chasapeake & Ohio and the Hocking Valley Railroad companies, is a product of the South, born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1867. He began his railroad career at the bottom, as an apprentice boy in the Louisville and Nashville shops, at Louisville, Ky. Since 1886 his work has been confined largely to the engineering and operating departments of the various railroads with which he has been connected. In 1892 he entered the operating department of the Illinois Central and in the course of time became general and vice president of that road. He left the Illinois Central in 1907 to go with the Erie Railroad and five years later he was chosen president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. Mr. Harahan has many important pieces of engineering and construction work to his credit, one of the most notable being the four-track entrance of the Erie Railroad into New York City.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER, 15.

Supreme Court of the United States unanimously unheld war-time prohibition as constitutional.

BURIED IN KREMLIN.

By Associated Press.

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—John Reed, the American writer, who died in Moscow some weeks ago of typhoid fever, has been buried at the Kremlin, in the plot of ground which Lenine has designated as a sort of a "Westminster Abbey of Bolshevism," says a Moscow dispatch in the Amsterdam "Tribune," a Communist newspaper published here.

"Reed's remains rest," said the "Tribune," "in the sacred precincts before the walls of the Kremlin, where so many revolutionaries have already found a resting place."

The "Tribune" also printed a number of details connected with Reed's career, including the statement that Reed and his wife, Louise Bryant, fought before the Winter Palace in the first battle of the Bolsheviki against the Kerensky troops, on the side of the former, in November, 1918.

ROMANCE OF THE SEA.

By Associated Press.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 14.—The thrills, romance and tragedy of the sea, a closed book to most growing youths except through the medium of dreams, are to be brought to the sea troop of Boy Scouts, just organized here.

"From the time when they sailed miniature ships in bathtubs and got into difficulties with their parents over neglecting to turn off the tap, youngsters develop a keen interest in things pertaining to the sea and the men who sail to foreign lands" said one of the local organizers recently. "Capitalizing this longing of the boys, the national council of the scouts have begun organization of sea troops, to which will belong youths who care more about the sea than they do about woodcraft and field lore."

The different classes through which the scouts will pass in their work are the sloop class, the schooner class, the barkentine ,the bark and finally the steamship class. In instruction pertaining to sailing vessels, the youths will be taught the various knots in the rigging of craft of this kind, the names of sails, how to spread canvass and how to take it down, weather observation and other matters pertaining to sailing vessels. In the steamship class the scouts will study engineering cargo-stowage and wireless.

The local sea scout organization is one of the three being organized in Texas, the other bodies being at Corpus Christi and El Paso.

Notice.

The public is hereby warned that the firing of firearms, cannon crackers and other fire works prohibited by law will not be tolerated during the holidays and violators of this law will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

M. BRENNAN,
12-11-18t. City Marshall.

Accept No Substitutes for Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT Purely Vegetable Liver Medicine

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From Tuesday's Daily.

AN APPEAL.

If child life is to survive in Eastern Europe, the food supply from America must be kept until next summer. This is the statement of Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European Relief Council and the American Relief Administration.

The American Relief Administration fed 6,000,000 children during the winter of 1919. With the gradual recovery of the farming districts, the food situation improved and this number was reduced last winter to 4,200,000.

Now, with the new harvest in, food is still lacking to keep alive 3,500,000 children in the buffer states between Bolshevik Russia and Western civilization.

The American Relief Administration, under Hoover, operates 3,000 kitchens for feeding children. It requires the local population to furnish committees and workers, and supervises the whole system with only forty Americans, operating at an "overhead" cost of less than two-and-one half per cent—a charity run on strict business lines. It requires the local governments to pay the entire cost of distribution, which they do gladly, and contribute such foodstuffs as are available from the native supply. The Americans supply only the organization, instruction in methods and import necessary foodstuffs, chiefly milks and fats, which no money can buy locally.

The cost of providing food to keep a child's body nourished and growing averages $3 a child per month. This is in addition to the rations the parents are able to provide. The outlay of the A. R. A. is about one third of this, or $1, the other $2 being provided locally. Thus ten dollars given here, increased to thirty over there, will insure life to a child until next harvest.

The A. R. A., assisted at first by the American government and later by large voluntary subscriptions, has been able to carry on its work so far without appealing to the general public. The funds now on hand will be exhausted by the first of January, when winter is biting down hard on the underfed children in Eastern Europe. Thirty-three millions of dollars are required to carry over these 3,500,000 children until the next harvest in August 1921. The A. R. A., has never yet had to turn away a child in need of food but it will have to close its kitchens and let the children die unless the American public digs once again into its pocket. On this problem of child relief, the greatest coalition in the history of welfare work is now focusing its forces. To meet this emergency the European Relief Council was formed. It combines for this purpose, the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the American Friends Service Committee (Quaker,) Knights of Columbus, the Y. W. C. A., the Y. M. C. A., and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. These have agreed that the problem of the destitute children must take precedence over all other forms of overseas relief. They are marging their efforts now toward that end.

The European Relief Council needs $33,000,000 by January first: $23,000,000 for food and $10,000,000 for medical relief hitherto conducted by the the American Red Cross. The E. R. C. will not only direct the collection of this fund in America, but will see to the spending of it in Europe, thus eliminating overlapping of efforts.

E. A. Peden of Houston, former food administrator for Texas, is state chairman of the European Relief Council and the American Relief Administration. He is appointing chairmen in each cunty to appeal directly to business men and people of means to back up the relief that America must continue for one year more, or leave its little wards, after two years of support, to starve.

Ten dollars will turn the scales from death to life for one child. One thousand dollars will save one hundred children.

How many little bodies will you buy from Death? Send as much as you can to the European Relief Council, E. A. Peden, Chairman, 700 North San Jacinto Street. Make this your Christmas gift, the greatest you ever gave: life to little children who will never see another Christmas if America hardens its heart toward them.

FORTY MULE LOADS.

By Associated Press.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 14.—Forty mules were required to move the personal property of Francisco Villa from the Picachos Cavern, near Camargo City, to his plantation near Durango City, according to passengers from Chihuahua City arriving in San Antonio.

The property, it is claimed, was collected during the 10 years in which Villa was in revolt against the established Mexican government, and consisted of thousands of dollars worth of gold, silver and jeyels of all kinds.

Notice to Hunters

All hunters are prohibited from unting in the Slator pasture without permission.

L. F. PIPES.
10-23-2m.

A DEVOTED WIFE.

By Associated Press.

Athens, Dec. 13.—The devotion shown by Mme. Aspasia Manos, wife of the late King Alexander of Greece. to him during his fatal illness resulting from the bite of a monkey, has created so profound an impression upon the Greeks that even those who heretofore had spared no effort to separate her from the King, have today nothing but good to say about her.

For four weeks during which the King fought for life against blood poison, his wife obtained no rest except when exhaustion compelled her to take a little sleep. The ordeal she underwent was all the more trying because of her own state of health, since she is to become a mother.

Heretofore King Alexander's marriage had not been considered in some governmental quarters to be valid because it had been solemnized secretly and without the fulfillment of certain formalities. Since the death of the king, the government has been so moved by the devotion of his widow that it has discovered a law by virtue of which Mme. Manos is recognized as having been the King's legal wife.

This was regarded here as excluding the possibility of raising difficultes in connection with her inheritance of the late king's personal estate. It is also understood that the government will lay a bill before the next Parliament for the payment of a pension to Mme. Manos.

All this has made her an interesting figure in the tragedy enacted at the Tatoi Chateau where the king and his wife led the happiest of lives until the terrible mishap cut short the life of the monarch. Their romance has been one of the most fascinating stories of royal life in Europe for years.

Aspasia Manos belonged to the Phamariote aristocracy but was not of royal blood. She was a beautiful girl and the young prince fell in love with her. When King Constantine abdicated and Alexander was called to the throne, he laid down as a condition of acceptance that he should be allowed to marry the girl to whom he had pledged his word.

The government appeared to respect the prince's sentiments but has been charged with having endeavored by every means to bring about a rupture between the two and even went to the extent of expelling her from Greece after the king had secretly married her.

King Alexander, however, not only brought his bride back to Greece but insisted and obtained permission for her to live in the royal palace. An anomalous situation ensued but the King was quite happy and little did he worry about what the people thought or said about his wife.

Since the death of King Alexander the Greek courts have declared valid his marriage to Mme. Manos. dismissed the oposition of the former king Constantine and ruled that she shall inherit Alexander's personal property, which had been claimed by Constantine. The high courts also decided that her expected child will become the heir to Alexander's estate.

RICKETS DID THIS.

Before this five-year-old Vienna girl was operated upon in the American Convalescent Home her leg was even more horribly deformed from rickets and she was in constant instead of intermittent pain. Now at least her leg is straight again, and by degrees she is relearning to walk. Rickets is the aftermath of under-nutrition, and it is to cut down the harrowing prevalence of such disease as this among the children of Europe that eight American relief organizations are making a joint appeal under the name of the European Relief Council for funds to succor the millions that face a winter of horror. They are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution committee, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

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SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.

There will be a meeting of the Tuesday Music and Literary Club at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Elks Hall.

There will be a meeting of the Junior Auxiliary at the Rectory at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday.

The Frivolous Eight Bridge Club will meet with Miss Mercell Lake at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

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Home After Holiday.

I like to have vacation,
I like to camp and roam,
But mostly, in a curious way,
I like the coming home.

Our old house looks so solid,
So settled and arranged;
The front gate creaks the same old creak,
The chimneys haven't changed.

Those weeks of sea and mountain
Had many valued points,
But oh this loosening of my bones,
This limbering of my joints!

Our old dog comes to meet me
With something of a smile—
I wheel right over on my head
And wave my legs a while.

—Nancy Byrd Turner.

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General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Vicente Ferrara and daughter, Miss Maria, arrived Sunday from Monterey and will be here until after the holidays.

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Mrs. M. Little is spending a few days in San Antonio.

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Luther Adams of Pearsall returned home on Sunday after a visit in the city and vicinity.

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Mrs. J. W. Mussett has returned from a month's stay in Tampico, where she visited Mr. Mussett.

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Rev. C. W. Cook went to La Perla ranch yesterday on a hunting trip and is expected home today.

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Philip Moore who is attending school in Staunton, Virginia, is expected home for the holidays.

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Mrs. Sue J. Smith is spending a few days in San Antonio.

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Mrs. W. B. Jones left Sunday night for San Antonio for an indefinite stay.

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Mr. E. E. Sharkey arrived in the city the latter part of the week from Tampico, Mexico, on a visit to his family.

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Mrs. W. N. Young has gone to the ranch for a several days' stay.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Epstein have gone to Mexico City for a short stay.

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Miss May Netzer will be among the out of town students to spend Christmas holidays at home.

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Miss Dora Becker, who is attending school in San Antonio, will spend the holidays at home.

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Dr. B. G. Atlee, who formerly resided in Laredo, spent today here renewing old friendships while en route to Monterey for a short trip.

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Announcement.

Mrs. John Tucker Halsell will entertain the Married Ladies Social Club on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

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Missionary Meeting.

The Woman's Missionary Society held a devotional and business meeting yesterday afternoon at the Methodist Church, followed by an election of officers. An interesting program was given on Child Labor. The following members were elected to office: Mrs. Manford, president; Mrs. Burnett, vice-president; Mrs. Crawford, secretary; Mrs. M. K. Fred, treasurer; Mrs. Cone, assistant treasurer; Mrs. J. K. Thompson, superintendent of study and publicity; Mrs. Jesse Thompson, superintendent of children's work; Mrs. A. G. Thompson, superintendent of supplies; Mrs. Shanks, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sam Brown, superintendent of social service. Those present at the meeting were: Mesdames Fred, Miller, J. W. Thompson, Manford, Jesse Thompson, J. K. Thompson, Burnett, A. G. Thompson and Guinn.

STEAMERS AT HOUSTON.

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 14.— Thirteen steamships entered and cleared this port for foreign countries during November according to a report of the United States customs house here. This does not include coastwise shipping. Gasoline, oil and cotton were the chief cargoes shipped overseas, discharged here from European countries.

CHILE ELECTIONS.

By Associated Press.

Santiago, Dec. 11.—A shortening of of the process of electing a president of Chile which has been in use since 1833 is urged by many public men here. It now takes almost three months to elect a chief executive, the actual legal stages in the election just concluded, in which Arturo Alessandri triumphed, having consumed 13 weeks. Some of the leaders of Chilean opinion want to reduce the period in which the country is kept in political turmoil.

A special commission of the Chamber of Deputies has submitted a measure providing for the election of the President by a special assembly composed of members of both branches of parliament and presidential electors. All questions arising from the election would be decided by a tribunal which would include seven justices of the higher courts.

Debate on the measure is expected to begin soon and if the bill is adopted it will have to be approved by the new cogress which is elected March next.

"El Mercurio," advocating electoral reform considers the bill would be an improvement over the present system but suggests an office of vice-president should be created.

"La Nacion" favors direct election by the people as being short and simple. It opposes perpetuation of a system of electing the president by a restricted body of men.

Under the present electoral system, after the electors are chosen they must meet five weeks later and vote for their respective candidates. Then congress must assemble in joint session a month later to decide any claims of contested electors and proclaim the successful candidates. This system was devised to satisfy conditions of communication in the early days of Chilean independence.

Public Stenographer.

I am now located at the Hotel Hamilton as public stenographer, where I will do all classes of English copying and write letters from dictation. Hours from 9 to 12, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 daily except Sunday. Appointments made for Sundays.

MRS. S. L. BRAGG.
12-8-6t.

REDUCED EXPENSES.

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Dec. 14.—The cost of the government of Mexico was reduced by 60,000,000 pesos during the first six moths of the provisional administration of President Adolfo de la Huerta, according to data furnished to representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce at a recent conference with the President (Nominally a peso is worth 50 cents). It was declared that this amount is to be added to a fund which is accumulating to be applied to payment on the national debt.

The president explained that one economy contemplated by the government would necessitate an immediate large outlay of money. This was the reduction of the federal army to half its original size, together with the provision which is being made to establish agricultural colonies for ex-soldiers. It was explained that although the initial expense might be large it was believed that after the first year the soldiers would be producers and would add to the national income rather than take from it.

REDUCED ESTIMATES.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—Estimates of appropriation need for the next two fiscal years submitted by state department and institution heads have been reduced approximately $10,000,000 by the States Board of Control. S. B. Cowell, chairman of the board, said that there may be still further reductions before the appropriation budget is ready for submission to the legislature.

The various departments, institutions and others for which appropriations are made estimate that they will need appropriations totalling approximately $40,000,000 for the next two fiscal years. The Board of Control has cut these estimates to about $30,000,000, as compared with $26,500,000 appropriated for the support of the state government during the past two fiscal years.

Chairman Cowell said that the board will attempt to stay safely within the estimated income of the state for the next two years, which he placed at $33,000,000. He added that he expects the appropriation budgets to be completed and ready for submission to members of the legislature within the next week.

Taking Desperate Chances.

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding attack and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle?

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EASTLAND GRAND JURY ENDORSED ACTION OF SENDING TEXAS RANGERS TO OIL TOWN

Presence of State Troops at Ranger and Others Parts of Eastland County Which Caused So Much Criticism from Citizens and Officials Received Hearty Approval of Inquisitorial Body.

COMMITTEE REPORT IS REAL CRITICISM

THREATENS DRASTIC LEGISLATION TO MEET ALLEGED EVILS OF THE COAL INDUSTRY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Sharp criticism of the national coal industry, with an implied threat of drastic legislation by congress to meet the alleged evils of profiteering and speculation, accompanied the partial report of the senate committee on production and reconstruction submitted to the senate today. The report asked power to allow the committee to continue its investigation. It suggested government activities to bring about co-operation under regulation in building and construction. Three Republican members—Senators Calder of New York, Edge of New Jersey and Kenyon of Iowa—supplemented their findings with additional statements, all agreeing in asking special legislative attention to the present methods of producing and distributing coal.

TENTATIVE MEASURE IS NOW AGREED UPON

COMMITTEE WILL HOLD FINAL MEETING JANUARY 10 TO DISCUSS UTILITIES BILL.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas. Dec. 14.—The committee Governor Hobby appointed to frame the public utilities bill for submission to the next legislature will hold its final session January 10. Chairman A. B. Curtis said today that practically all the main features of the bill contained in the tentative measure the sub-committee drafted and submitted to the main committee yesterday were agreed upon. An amendment provides for the exemption of the Pullman company from the jurisdiction of the commission.

BANDITS ARRESTED.

By Associated Press.

Denison, Texas, Dec. 14.—Two men, said to be the masked bandits who robbed the railroad station at Jolly, Texas, near Swaimesville, last night, are reported arrested at Nocona today. The bandits obtained $700.

VALUES INCREASED.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—Taxable values in Texas increased from $34,891,175 in 1846 to $3,200,235,205 in 1919. These figures were given in the recent annual report of Tax Commissioner James A. King. His table showed that the values passed the billion mark in 1902, in 1908 the two billion mark was reached and value went above three billion in 1918 when they totaled $3,012,819,287.

TWO MILLIONS MORE.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—There was a difference of 1,902,320 acres in the amount of land in Texas rendered for taxation in 1918 and 1919, according to a statement by Tax Commissioner James A. King in his recent annual report. Commissioner King said that the tax rolls for 1918 gave the total acreage in the state as 165,464,224 while the rolls of 1919 showed an acreage of 167,366,544.

Christmas Cheer for the Poor.

Anyone having old clothing or toys which they wish to give to the poor are requested to telephone the Ursuline Convent, No. 558; Mrs. R. E. Purcell, No. 954; Mrs. J. H. Wright, No. 164; Mrs. M. P. Cullinan, No. 388; Mrs. Hal Brennan, No. 3, or Mrs. Alfred Matthews, No. 344. Or packages may be left at the Border Gas Co., or the residence of Royle K. Mims 1619 Matamoros street.

12-14-6t.

By Associated Press.

Eastland, Texas, Dec. 14.—The presence of Texas Rangers in Eastland county, especially at Ranger, which brought forth considerable criticism from citizens and some officials, was endorsed today by the grand jury. The jury reported: "After thoroughly investigating, we are of the opinion that Rangers are needed in this county, and they should receive the co-operation of the citizens of every section."

DEMPSEY TO DEFEND HIS TITLE TONIGHT

STAGE FIFTEEN ROUND DECISION BOUT FOR THE HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 14.—For the second time since July 4, 1919, when he mauled Jess Willard and attained the heavyweight championship of the world, Jack Dempsey will defend the title when he meets Bill Brennan in a fifteen-round decision match at Madison Square Garden. A diamond studded belt will be awarded the winner by Tex Rickard, the promoter.

BANK CLOSED DOORS.

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 14.—The First State Bank of Penelope in Hill county was closed today by the state examiner, who is now in charge of its affairs.

BAPTISTS MEET.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 14.—The annual post-convention meeting of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas convened today to apportion funds for the various educational, missionary and benevolent institutions fostered by the denomination. The board will elect departmental officials.

FOOD PRICES DROP.

By Associated Press.

Little Rock, Dec. 14.—Reduction in the prices of food of from 10 to 25 per cent are announced this morning in several local cafes. The price of coffee in virtually all cafes was cut from ten to five cents a cup. A leading dairy announced that, effective next Thursday, it would reduce milk from 20c to 18c a cup.

UNABLE TO ATTEND.

By Associated Press.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 14.—Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania, who was to be one of President-elect Harding's conferees today, wired that he would be unable to come to Marion. He said executive matters detained him. W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, also sent word of his inability to keep his engagement today.

FAREWELL VISIT.

By Associated Press.

Edinburgh, Dec. 14.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, the aged inventor of the telephone, paid the other day what he described as his farewell visit to his native city.

In reply to a complimentary address by the Lord Provost, Dr. Bell, who was warmly applauded, recalled in an address some of his early memories. He said that although he had spent most of his life in the United States and been an American citizen for 50 years, he was glad to be "home" once again. "I feel I would like to have a last look around my native city before I grow too old," he added.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER 14.

Lloyd George declared the Allies would refuse to make peace with the Bolsheviki.

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MISSING MERCHANT DIED AT GALVESTON

BELIEVED MAN DYING OF EXPOSURE IN OIL COMPANY'S YARD WAS JOHN HAMILL.

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 14.—The police here believe that the unidentified man who died at Galveston from exposure yesterday was undoubtedly John Hamhill, the Ottawa, Canada, merchant who disappeared November 1 and has been sought for in Fort Worth for the past two days. The description of the body wired here today tallies well that of the Canadian in the hands of the local police.

Asked to Identify Him.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 14.—The body of a man found in the yards of the Magnolia Petroleum Company here will be held pending the arrival of Mrs. John Hamhill, of Ottawa, Canada, whose husband, a wealthy merchant, has been missing since November 11. She was requested to come to Texas to confirm the conclusions of the police departments of Fort Worth and Galveston.

TWO MEN PERISHED IN BURNING HOTEL

AGED CONFEDERATE VETERAN MET DEATH IN FIRE WHICH CAUSED HEAVY LOSS.

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 14.—The Boyd Hotel at Hamilton, county seat of Hamilton county, was burned at 2:30 this morning, two men perishing. W. W. Trimble, an aged Confederate veteran, and Robert Nichols, a youth, were the guests who lost their lives. The loss, it is estimated, will reach $500,000.

FORM NEW LEAGUE.

By Associated Press.

Marshall, Texas, Dec. 14.—The organization of a new baseball league composed of clubs of east Texas, south Arkansas and north Louisiana will be considered at a meeting in Marshall the first week in January, it was announced today. The cities which will be represented at the meeting will be Marshall, Longview, Palestine and Tyler, Texas; Alexandria and Monroe, Louisiana; Hope and Texarkana, Arkansas.

CHRISTMAS VACATION.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—Christmas vacation at the University of Texas will begin December 23 and classes will be resumed January 2, 1921. Fall term tests will begin on December 16 and continue through December 22.

RECORD IN LOADING.

By Associated Press.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 14.—What is believed to be the record in grain loading was made here recently by the steamship Valdarno. The vessel loaded to capacity—239,000 bushels of wheat—exactly nine working hours after she had come alongside of the grain elevator. The Jerseymoor, of slightly smaller carrying capacity, required nine hours and twenty minutes to take on 225,000 bushels of wheat. Both vessels were destined for Italy.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Wednesday fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 67 degs.
Min. temp. 30 degs.
General direction of wind: North.
Clear.

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From Monday's Daily.

A SEX PROBLEM.

The foolish side of some women is shown in the recent discussion as to whether women should remove their hats in a court room. The matter was practically treated by some, but a few of the women began the resort to the sex appeal by declaring that a woman who dressed her hair properly and sat in the witness stand without a hat might "influence" the jury as she wished!

It seems not to be understood by some women that the right of suffrage carries with it the obligation of equality insofar as matters political or judicial are concerned. There is already a question of women jurors although some courts have decided that, all other things being equal, the wiman jury is a little more efficient and less apt to be swayed by prejudice than the men.

But if the women begin the age-old sex appeal by "prettying up." for their appearance in court, it may as well be understood that they are going to arouse sex prejudice on the part of the men, as well as antagonism from those who believe that a trial should be a matter of justice rather than an exhibition of the latest modes, either in clothing or hair-dressing.

The most successful women in politics are those who have refused to accentuate the sex appeal. Not that they should go to the other extreme and attempt to be taken for "a good fellow." The woman "sport" is, if anything, more objectionable to the average man than the one who pleads for privileges because she is a "poor, weak woman."

It is certain that in the past the woman with her beauty and her tears who knows how to use both as a weapon has been able to influence a jury. But as a rule she did not resort to the appeal of mere headgear—or the lack of it—any more than she depended upon the effect of a "creation" in the way of a modish gown.

The silly woman, like the male fool, will always be with us. It is too much to hope for that the granting of the right of suffrage should make all women practical and intelligent, any more than that all men by divine right should be wise and learned.

Women will dress for a visit to the polls just as they now do for bridge, or shopping or any other activity. They will no doubt dress for the court room as well, and we may have gowns designed to suit all court occasions, such as an afternoon gown for a woman accused of murder, or a type for the woman witness in behalf of her friend who is seeking a divorce, and so on, world without end.

But juries are less swayed by a gown or a triumph of the hair-dresser than they are by tears and natural beauty. And the woman who depends upon a certain style of the hair-dresser's art to win a suit may just as well keep her hat on.

Above all, the sex appeal is not confined to dress or hair. It has other manifestations that are more subtle and more effective. It is not necessary for the woman who wants to influence a jury or a judge to resort to the bold artifice of Phryne's counsel before the Areopagus. That which is hidden often makes a stronger appeal than the openly exposed.

And the women who have been fighting for the suffrage will denounce this new feminine attempt to use the arts of fashion to influence what should be actuated only by justice and right.

It is not difficult to foresee what the average suffrage leader will think of this latest "tempest in a teapot" over the question of hats or bare heads in a court room. As one of the women expressed it:

"Women must be subject to the rule just as men are. What law applies to one applies to both sexes. It is a matter of common sense. Women would naturally wish to remove their hats in a court room."

And, for that matter, the men would not care whether they did or not. They are used to seeing them either way.

LOWER STANDARDS.

There is much fear expressed by some alarmists that the introduction of foreigners into our country will lower our standards of living. But it is not for this reason that we should see to it that the immigrants admitted should be of a high class.

The standard of living in this country is the highest of any country in the world. And that is mainly because the tendency of the working man is to lift himself upward, not to drag others down. The sons of the immigrants who came to America after the Civil War now have children who are living in what would be considered luxury in most parts of Europe.

The European peasant who lives with a heap of manure in front of his door soon learns to be exacting in his sanitary requirements, both for himself and his neighbors, when he once settles down in our country and sees what others have done.

And he is no longer content with a piece of black bread, an onion and a glass of sour wine; he wants the best that he can buy in the way of food, and meat and well-cooked vegetables form the greater part of his menu after he has been here for a while.

One of the dangers against which we have to fight is the tendency of so many of the immigrants to herd together according to racial or political belief. Another is the idea that America is only the Eldorado where one makes his stake and then goes back to the old country to spend his wealth and his declining years.

We do not want to force any immigrant to become an American citizen. We should guard that high privilege and make it desirable not peddle it out to any who ask for it. And no man should be permitted to become a citizen without giving substantial proof of an intention to use that citizenship for the good of his neighbors and his country.

But every immigrant should be made to conform, as well as his circumstances and his previous training will permit, to our ideals of living. It is not a permissible excuse that his ancestors in Europe or in Mexico or any other country lived on a certain scale that is lower than our concept of a proper one for human beings.

Laws never made men moral and government edict never made them religious. It was because of the protest against undue interference with the God-given right to worship according to the dictates of one's conscience that the Pilgrims came to the bleak shores of New England three hundred years ago and laid the foundations for the greatest country ever known.

But freedom of religious belief does not mean debasing, degrading contempt for all religion; the privilege of living without improper interference with the individual rights does not mean an immorality that makes one lower than the brutes.

Crime is founded on ignorance. The absence of a moral sense is in direct proportion to the illiteracy and the lack of education which are the greatest defects of our lowest class of immigrants.

There are times when it is felt that the immigration restrictions are hurtful to our industries and to our agriculture. But it must be remembered that the restrictions are based upon a desire to admit only those who will be of benefit to our country; the people who will be good neighbors and whose children will be good citizens some day in the future.

The standards of living of the American people are the best of any in the world. And the nearer the immigrants approach to those standards the closer they will be to good citizenship. And one thing is certain; they cannot lower those standards, as they are unconsciously affected by them and led to improve their own standards by contact with the Americans.

30,000 YOUNGSTERS VICTIMS OF RICKETS

Of all diseases that are taking a deadly toll among the children of Vienna as the result of under-feeding rickets is proving the most serious and widespread menace. Not less than 30,000 children are suffering from this painful affliction, according to official estimates.

To rescue these through providing proper food, clothing and medical attention that otherwise they cannot obtain the European Relief Council, composed of eight leading American relief agencies, is making a joint appeal for $33,000,000 for the relief of 3,500,000 destitute and suffering European children.

1,500,000 POLISH CHILDREN SICK.

One million five hundred thousand children in Poland today need medical attention. Their condition has been caused by hunger and want. To save them the European Relief Council is appealing to the people of the United States for $33,000,000 to carry on relief work in stricken Europe.

We Buy Rags.

Wash all the old rags that you have and bring them to The Times office. Best prices paid. Rags must be soft and clean.

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You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Webb, State of Texas; and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice.

The State of Texas.

To all persons interested in the Estate of W. H. Mims, deceased; Annie R. Mims, executrix, has filed in the County Court of Webb County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said deceased, and for letters testamentary which will be heard at the next Term of the Probate Court beginning the Third Monday of January, A. D. 1920, said day being the 17th of said month, at the Court House thereof, in the City of Laredo, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, if they see proper.

Herein fail not, under penalty of the law, and of this Writ make due return.

Given under my hand and seal of office, in the City of Laredo, Texas, the 11th day of December, A. D. 1920.

Attest: J. A. RODRIGUEZ,
Clerk, Co. Court, Webb Co., Texas.

Came to hand this 11th day of December, A. D. 1920, at 4:15 p. m. and ordered published in The Laredo Daily Times, this 11th day of December, A. D. 1920, at 4:20 p. m.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff, Webb County, Texas.
By F. H. LIGARDE, Deputy.

YOUNG CHESS WONDER.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 13.—Little Samuel Rzeschewski, Polish chess wonder of eight and one-half years who has defeated the most formidable masters of the checkered square wherever the game is played in Europe, and who is fulfilling a two months engagement demonstrating his skill to American experts, has been in "training quarters" in the country near New York most of the time since he arrived in this country.

The child prodigy explains, through a staff of interpreters who translate successively from the youngster's Polish into French or German and thence, finally into English that a chess player's training differs materially from that undertaken by champions in other lines when they put themselves into combat form.

In clearing his intellectual decks for action, young Samuel does everything else within his juvenile capacity except play chess. Thus he is able to appear fresh and with an unburdened brain when called upon to match tactics with his opponents, whom he habitually takes on fifteen to thirty at a time.

So, in anticipation of a spirited tilt with some of the nation's foremost champions, the youngster is running the gamut of youthful activity from playing Indian or chasing cottontails in the fields to operating a miniature railroad system and braving the danger of being soundly scolded by his elders should one of his toy locomotives jump the tracks and mar the polished parlor floor.

For young Samuel, away from a chess board, to perform on which has been almost an obsession with him since the age of three, is a very normal sort of little boy, rather shy and backward with grownups, but with a taste for diversion out-of-doors which would have entitled him to place of honor among the associates of Tom Sawyer, "Huck" Finn and the rest of the "gang," had he been an American and a contemporary of that noted society.

One of his favorite diversions since coming to America has been in learning to drive a new automobile acquired for his use.

According to Samuel's father, who is a player noted for his skill in Polish chess circles, the boy first showed aptitude for the game at the age of three when he was taught the various moves of the chessmen. After playing through only a few games the boy acquired such skill that his father was no longer any match for him.

Thereafter his skill and fame increased apace as, one by one, he met and overcame the most formidable players of his native land and later of the entire continent.

During the war the youngster is said to have provided many an evening's amusement for German officers at the expense of their fellows who were humiliated by the stripling in innumerable games at army headquarters.

Speculation on the source of the boy's skill has brought most of those interested in him to no certain knowledge on the subject. He has a prodigious memory and delights in glancing at a board on which the men are arranged as in a game partly played, and then going back one, two or three years in his experience and telling the occasion and circumstances of his previous acquaintance with the problem presented. After recalling the time and place of the game as well as the person with whom he played it, the youngster duplicates it, play for play, from the opening to the checkmate as it was played originally.

NOTICE IN PROBATE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Webb County,—Greeting:

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Notice.

The State of Texas.

To all Persons interested in the Estate of W. P. May, deceased: Alma C. May, executrix, has filed in the County Court of Webb County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said deceased, and for letters testamentary which will be heard at the next Term of the probate court, beginning the Third Monday of January, A. D. 1920, said day being the 17th of said month, at the Court House thereof, in the City of Laredo, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, if they see proper.

Herein fail not, under penalty of the law, and of this writ make due return.

Given under my hand and seal of office, in the City of Laredo, Texas, the 11th day of December, A. D. 1920.

Attest: J. A. RODRIGUEZ,
Clerk Co. Court, Webb Co., Texas.

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Camberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, crop and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs.

SPINACH AND CABBAGE CROPS ARE BIG ONES THIS YEAR.

Spinach Shipments by Carload Already Started, But Special Trainloads to Be Sent Out Soon.

Nothwithstanding the fact that the Laredo section has already felt the ful rigors of winter this season and there have been at least one severe freeze and a number of frosts hereabouts, there is no evidence of the cold shown in the vegetable fields, where there are large crops of spinach, cabbage, lettuce, turnips, carrots, beets and other vegetables growing at this time, and where most of it is in a state of maturity or nearing that stage.

A visit to the country either about the North Laredo or the South Laredo districts will convince one that the cold did very little if any damage to most of the crops, as the eye will feast on big fields of spinach, cabbage and other crops, while young onions, just transplanted from the seedbeds to the open field, are attaining a good stand and will soon be making a good showing in the growing line, as these fields are all susceptible to irrigation and the young onions begin to grow very quickly after separated from their congestion in the seedbeds and set the proper distance apart in the rows in the open field.

While spinach shipments in carload lots have already started by express, trainload shipments by freight will begin in about ten days, as the spinach is now practically ready for marketing. These special trainloads of spinach will roll out of Laredo each evening about Christmas and continue until the 400 carloads or more are shipped and by that time perhaps, there will be some cabbage also ready to be handled out of here and rushed to market. Besides the spinach now being shipped there are other vegetables ready to go out by express and freight, such as lettuce, beets, etc. The indications are that one of the best winter crops of vegetables made in the Laredo section in years will be made hereabouts this season.

Notice.

To the public in general and to my patrons in particular, I wish to announce that we have reopened our dining-room in the Traveler Hotel, where we will be pleased to serve you in the future as in the past.

W. L. IRWIN.
12-2-10t.

DEER SEASON NEARING END; MANY HUNTERS OUT SUNDAY

Many Brought Back Evidence of Their Success While Others "Killed a Buck, But He Got Away."

This is the last month of the deer season, and those who fail to get their supply of venison by midnight of December 31 will have to lay their little piece of firing apparatus aside for another eleven months as far as killing a deer legally is concerned.

With cool weather prevailing at this time, however, many of those who stil have a buck or two coming to them are out in search of the festive animal (some have been on such a search several times) and hope to bring home the venison before it is too late. Yesterday quite a number of big bucks were brought back by successful hunters, while other hunters returned returned with the same old story, "that he sure plugged a buck, but he got away."

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Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y.

One of Jack London's Best.

Do you believe in reincarnation? Do you believe that the immortal soul leaves the body of the dead and inhabits another live body as time goes by. If you are a skeptic on this theory perhaps the play. "The Star Rover," adapted from one of Jack London's novels and now being shown at the Rialto Theater will cause your mind to get mighty busy under your thinking cap. It is a strong drama played by a strong cast and those who witnessed it last night pronounce it one of the most serious dramas put on the screen in some time past.

When You Are Constipated.

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

CHICHESTER S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-ches-ter s Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

TIMES WANT ADS.
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AS TO COMMUNITY PROPERTY CLAIMS AND PAYMENT TAXES

Internal Revenue Collector Gives Out Some Information of Interest to Those Concerned.

The following information is given out by Ed A. Christian, collector of internal revenue, First District of Texas, Austin, Texas, on the matter of community property income taxes:

"Many inquiries are being received by the collector's office as to the application of recent instructions received from the bureau at Washington, sovering community property claims. Clerks in the revenue office at Austin and all field deputies have been given instructions to assist taxpayers in every way possible in preparing claims under the latest ruling.

"Persons who contemplate filing community property claims should see a representative of the government and secure detailed instructions before forwarding claims. While it will be impossible for revenue officers to actually prepare the claims it is believed that after the taxpayer gets instructions from such officers he will be able to prepare the amended reports necessary to support his claim."

COUNTY ROAD WORK IS SLOW ONLY ONE-THIRD COMPLETED

Commissioners This Morning Paid Amount Due on Contract to Date for Highway to Zapata County.

At the regular meeting of the commissioners courts of Webb county, convened this morning, the fifth estimate of the road contract for the construction of Highway No. 12 from the Chacon to the Zapata county line, was paid, as follows: Krueger & Basse, $3,844.82, and W. T. Montgomery, $4,617.99. One-third of the work is therefore completed and one-third of the price paid. The work has been in progress four months and two-thirds of the total distance of the new highway, 15 1-10 miles remains to be completed. The work is progressing at a very slow rate, according to the report and there is much dissatisfaction.

This morning the commissioners also accepted insurance policies totaling a sum of $45,000 insurance on the Webb county courthouse for a term of five years—from December 1, 1920, to December 1, 1925.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Tuesday probably fair. Colder tonight.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 91 degs.
Min. temp. 55 degs.
General direction of wind: North.
Clear.

Mexican rope-soled shoes are now sold in England, and for dry weather wear they are said to be cool and comfortable.

THE FOURTH INSTALLMENT ON INCOME TAXES NOW DUE

Important Notice is Given Concerning Matter by Collector of Internal Revenue of Texas.

The following information is furnished The Times by Ed A. Christian, collector of internal revenue, First District of Texas, and it behooves those concerned to give the matter attention:

"December 15th is the last day for the payment of the fourth installment of the income and excess profits taxes due this year. To avoid penalty, the tax must be in the offices of collectors of internal revenue or branch offices by midnight of that date.

"Inquiries reaching the commissioner of internal revenue indicate a belief that taxpayers have ten days grace on this installment. Such provision was contained in the 1917 revenue act, but was removed by the revenue act of 1918.

"Payment of the fourth installment may be made in cash or by money order or check. The bureau of internal revenue urges that whenever possible payment be made by check or money order. This method helps the taxpayer by saving him a trip to the collector's office and avoids congestion at the cashier's window. Check or money order should be made payable to 'Collector of Internal Revenue.'

"Bills will be sent to taxpayers, but failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to pay on time."

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Texas Mexican Railway, to satisfy its lien for freight and other charges, will, at its Freight Station in Aguilares, Texas, on Monday, January 3, 1921, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described freight shipped from Antioch, California, February 2, 1920, originally consigned to C. L. Morrill, Aguilares, Texas, and subsequently reconsigned to Atlas Development Company:

One carload of Pipe, Oil Drilling Cable, old water pipe, old rig iron, originally loaded in C. & N. W. car 134606.

One carload oil drilling outfit, Rig lumber, Band Wheel, Cog Wheels and Boiler, originally loaded in A. T. & S. F. car 93220.

One carload second hand lumber and tanks, K. D., originally loaded in A. T. & S. F. car 97919.

A more accurate description of the freight to be sold is in part as follows: 1 band wheel, 1 calf wheel, Sills, Jack posts, walking beam, engine sills, 1 Ajax Engine 25 h. p. complete, 1 steam boiler, 1 belt pulley, one lot ¾ inch water pipe, 2 sets jars, 1 twelve inch bit, 1 ring and slips, 1 eight inch bit, 1 eight inch underreamer, 2 fishing tools, 1 Latch jack, 2 Subs, 2 Tool Wrenches, Sand Line Shive, 1 Temper screw, Bull Wheel Rope, 1 C Clamp, 1 twelve inch, 1 eight inch and 1 six inch Dart Bailer, 1 Swivel Hook, 3 pieces smoke stack, 3 Shive Blocks, 5 crown block shives, 5 eight inch elevators, 2 twelve inch elevators, 1 calf wheel chain, Pillow blocks for calf wheel, 1 Roll Belting, 1 Fishing Spear, 1 bailer, 1 Bull wheel Brake band, 2 Wireline sockets, 1 Woodpecker socket, 1 eight inch bailer, 2 Tool wrenches, 1 twelve inch pipe wrench, 1 Forgie Jack, 1 Light pump jack, Sucker Rods, Pump Cylinder, 3 reels steel cable, 1 6 h. p. engine, 1 Dressing block, 1 lot 1½ inch pipe, 1 wooden stave tank, 2 Galv. Iron tanks, 21 bolts, 4 Turnbuckles, 1 Spool guy wire, 1 circle, 1 screw jack, 1 cook table, 4 wire cots, 1 cook stove, 3 wooden doors, miscellaneous rig iron, etc.

Proceeds of such sale will be disposed of as required by law.

C. M. FISH,
Traffic Manager,
The Texas Mexican Ry.
Laredo, Texas, November 29, 1920.
11-30-29t.

ARMY SALVAGE

Ten Day Special Sale

1000	BLANKETS, GRAY WOOL [NEW] . .	$ 4 50
1000	CAMPAIGN HATS, DYED BLACK (PERFECT)	1.25
500	ALL WOOL SUITS, " " "	7.50
100	OVERCOATS " " "	10.00
U. S. O. D.	SHIRTS [RECLAIMED]	2 50
U. S.	KHAKI BREECHES	.50

MANY OTHER ARTICLES AT REDUCED PRICES

Economy Salvage House
1701 Hidalgo St.

From Monday's Daily.

LOCAL NEWS

—The importations through this port from Mexico Saturday afternoon consisted of four carloads of ixtle and some truckloads of goods brought to the American side by trucks over the international footbridge.

—Quite a number of people attended some interesting horse races held in North Laredo yesterday afternoon. The races were close and interesting and much enthusiasm was displayed during the main race.

—A cool, fresh norther struck these parts during the early hours of this morning, causing the mercury to take quite a tumble. The wind has continued in a blustery manner throughout today, with indications of colder weather.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Felix Flores and Miss Luisa Luna, Tomas Valero and Mrs. Antonia de la Cruz, Genaro Briones and Miss Hortensia Herrera.

—One week from next Saturday will be Christmas Day. Christmas shopping is the order of the day now. Ten more days in which to shop! A gentle reminder: "Do your shopping early."

SCENES OF GREAT ACTIVITY ABOUT SITE OF NEW BRIDGE

Bridge Contractor Has About Completed Preliminary Work and Real Construction Will Start Shortly.

Besides assembling machinery on the ground, receiving building material and providing storage room for both machinery and material, Contractor DePuy of San Antonio, who has the contract for the construction of the handsome and substantial bridge between the two Laredos to be built by the Laredo Bridge Co., is also assembling his force of workmen to do the steel and concrete construction work on the handsome new structure.

A barge has been built and completed to haul sand from a point down the Rio Grande to the site of construction, while other necessary apparatus for the machinery, etc., is being provided. Within a few days now the song of the steel worker will resound in the vicinity of the new bridge, the cement mixing machine will be grinding away and practical construction work on the new bridge will be under full headway.

ELECTED A NEW PRESIDENT FOR CLUB IN NUEVO LAREDO

Dr. A. Salinas Puga Now President of the Circulo Social Fronterizo; Barrera Re-Elected Secretary.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the "Circulo Social Fronterizo," held in their hall in Nuevo Laredo Saturday evening, Dr. A. Salinas Puga was elected as president of the organization to succeed Dario B. Serna, while F. Gonzalez Barrera was re-elected as secretary of the Circulo Social Fronterizo.

At the same meeting a number of members of board of directors for the ensuing year were elected and the report of the secretary and treasurer showed the organization to be in fine condition generally.

GRAND OPERA MEMBERS GAVE SOLOS IN CATHOLIC CHOIR

Some Fine Music Was Heard at San Agustin Church; Last Night Company Gave Concert in New Laredo

During the high mass services at San Agustin church yesterday morning the congregation was treated to some real fine vocal music when members of the Mexican-Italian Opera Co. took part in the regular choir of the church and several solos were rendered, the music being some of the finest ever heard there.

Last night the company gave a concert at the Circulo Social Fronterizo in Nuevo Laredo, and a large number of members of that organization and friends attended and enjoyed the program very much. Tonight this big opera company will give the opera, "Madame Butterfly," at the Royal Theater.

THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

The Children's Encyclopedia

can be delivered at your home for Christmas if ordered at once. Can be bought on small monthly payments.

The Grolier Society, the publishers of the Book of Knowledge, have put a sale director in Laredo for the next ten days to enable you to secure this valuable educational work for Christmas. Telephone him and he will be pleased to call on you at your convenience.

H. S. FANNING,
Sale Director,
St. Anthony Hotel. Phone 1048.
12-13-2t.

Public Stenographer.

I am now located at the Hotel Hamilton as public stenographer, where I will do all classes of English copying and write letters from dictation. Hours from 9 to 12, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 daily except Sunday. Appointments made for Sundays.

MRS. S. L. BRAGG.
12-8-6t.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER 13.

1642—New Zealand was discovered by Tasman.

1784—Dr. Samuel Johnson, the renowned lexicographer, died in London. Born at Litchfield, England, Sept. 18, 1709.

1850—Nearly 100 persons were killed or injured when the steamer Anglo-Norman exploded her boilers at New Orleans.

1860—Earl of Aberdeen, who was British prime minister from 1848 to 1856, died in London. Born in Edinburgh, Jan. 28, 1784.

1871—A. T. Ackerman, Attorney-General of the United States, resigned.

1891—Michael Davitt was injured in a fight of political factions at Waterford, Ireland.

1902—British and German warships bombarded Puerto Cabello, Zenezuela.

1918—President Wilson and party were received with great state by the French Government on their arrival at Brest.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 13.

Bishop Samuel Fallows of the Reformed Episcopal Church, who celebrates his eighty-fifth birthday today, has had an eventful career. Born near aMnchester, England, he migrated to Wisconsin in 1848 and worked his way through the State university at Madison. After two years service as president of Gainsville university he accepted a Methodist pastorate at Oshkosh. He organized a regiment for service in the civil war and was breveted brigadier general. After the war he became State superintendent of public instruction of Wisconsin, and later held the presidency of Illinois Wesleyan University. In 1875 he transferred his allegiance to the Reformed Episcopal Church and in 1876 was made a bishop. As an orator, churchman, author, educator, and reformer, Bishop Fallows has long been ranked among Chicago's most distinguished citizens.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER 13.

Rt. Rev. John C. Farthing, Lord Bishop of Montreal, born at Cincinnati, O., 59 years ago today.

Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard University, born in Boston, 64 years ago today.

Oliver H. Shop, who has been re-elected governor of Colorado, born in Champaign County, Ill., 51 years ago today.

Dr. Edwin F. Ladd, United States senator-elect from North Dakota, born at Starks, Maine, 61 years ago today.

Emil Seidel, Socialist leader and former mayor of Milwaukee, born at Ashland, Pa., 56 years ago today.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Two years ago today President Wilson arrived in France to attend the Peace Conference.

Bishop Samuel Fallows of Chicago, one of the foremost leaders in the Reformed Episcopal Church, is 85 years old today.

Argument in intrastate railroad rate cases affecting Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska and Florida is to be heard by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, commencing today.

At a meeting called for Washington today the matter of liquidation of stocks and price reduction in expected to be taken up by newly organized Council of National Retail Associations in wearing apparel and other goods.

CHILDREN UNDER WEIGHT.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 13.—Nearly fifty percent of the children of Texas are under weight, Miss Pearl N. Hyer, public health nurse, declared recently. She said that investigations throughout the state revealed these conditions which indicate that most children do not get enough food of the proper kind, they get insufficient sleep or that they are suffering from nervous strain.

"Scales for every school in the state" is the slogan of Miss Hyer, who said that the weight of a child in one of the best indications of health. Miss Hyer gives entertainments to help earn money to install scales in schools of the state where she has conducted investigations and is demonstrating the relations of weight to health. She declares that constant use of weight charts will encourage children to observe good health habits.

The Texas Public Health Association is sending two nurses into the schools of the state to examine the children and to demonstrate the need of public health nurses in schools. This work is financed solely through the sale of Christmas seals. W. I. Bracy, directing the sale of Christmas seals in Texas, said that reports from many sections of the state indicate that the seal sale campaign now in progress will be a success.

SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday.

There will be a meeting of the Junior Auxiliary at the Rectory at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be a meeting of the Tuesday Music and Literary Club at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Elks Hall.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon.

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He put his acorn helmet on;
It was plumed of the silk of the thistle-down;
The corselet plate that guarded his breast
Was once the wild bee's golden vest;
His cloak, of a thousand mingled dyes;
Was formed of the wings of butterflies;
His shield was the shell of a lady-bug queen,
Studs of gold on a ground of green;
And the quivering lance which he brandished bright,
Was the sting of a wasp he had slain in fight.

—Joseph Rodman Drake.

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General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan of Encina, returned to their home last after a several days' visit to their daughters, Mrs. John Martin and Mrs. P. P. Leyendecker, Jr.

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Judge and Mrs. H. W. Greer have returned to their home in eBaumont after a visit to their daughter, Mrs. A. C. Hamilton.

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Miss Ernestina Sanchez, who has been in New York City for the past several months, will return home for Christmas.

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Mrs. Russell Snyder has returned to San Antonio after a short visit to her sister, Mrs. E. H. Buenz.

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Mr. W. D. Butler left Saturday for Grosbeck, Texas, for a short stay.

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Misses Josephine and Altee Smith are pleasantly located with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Woods at 1701 Matamoros street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cullinan of Cisco, Texas, expect to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Cullinan.

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Mr. Roy Campbell returned to San Antonio last night after a short stay in the city.

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Mrs. E. B. Wade left last night for her home in Wadeville, North Carolina, after a three weeks' visit to her mother, Mrs. J. M. Burr.

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Mr. Ira O'Meara left Saturday for Eagle Pass on business.

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Announcements.

The Frivolous Eight Bridge Club will meet with Miss Mercell Lake on Wednesday evening, December 15, at 7:30 o'clock.

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The Tuesday Music and Literary Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon, December 14, at Elks Hall at 4 o'clock. Mrs. I. Goodman will be leader, and the subject will be "American Miniature Painters." Roll call will be to name and locate a famous art collection. An especially interesting number will be given out of the regular program and a good attendance is requested.

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Christening.

Carlota, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Alexander, was christened in San Agustin church yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The godparents were: Mr. and Mrs. Aurelio Gonzalez.

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Christmas Carols.

All those desiring to take part in the Christmas carol singing please report at the Urbahn school building to Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn tomorrow (Tuesday) at 4 p. m.

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Busy Bees.

The members of the Busy Bee Club and additional guests were very pleasantly entertained on Saturday afternoon by Misses Lois and Dorothy Derby. After the arrival of the guests a time was devoted to sewing after which the hostesses served a two-course luncheon. Those enjoying the pleasure of the hospitality were: Club members—Misses Marjorie Fish, Anna May Mussett, Minerva G'Sell, Emilie Halsell, Hattie May Bryan, Mildred Leyendecker, Rosalie Biggio and Evelyn Ryan; guests—Misses Martha Anderson and Margaret Copeland.

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Complimentary Dance.

A number of the town boys entertained with a most delightful dance on Saturday evening at the Latin-American Club in honor of the girls. Conventional programs marking twenty straight and four extra dances were used. The music was especially fine, as the negro Jazz Band from Nuevo Laredo furnished the music for dancing. At 12 o'clock delicious hot chocolate and cakes were served. The out-of-town guests enjoying the delightful hospitality of the evening were: Captain Rivera of Mexico City of Gen. Obregon's staff; Ismael Ramos of Saltillo and Eduardo Harlan of Saltillo. About thirty-five couples enjoyed the pleasure of the delightful event.

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Honor Capt. Rivera.

The Chamber of Commerce will give a dance at the Latin-American Club tonight in honor of Captain Rivera, a member of President Obregon's personal staff, who was detailed to accompany the Laredo delegation on their return to the border. Captain Rivera returns to the Mexican capital tomorrow.

NEW ANAESTHETIC.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 13—An anaesthetic with relatively no danger and "pleasant to take" is said to have been produced and used in the hospitals of Soviet Russia. Dr. Marcou, once an interne of the Paris hospitals, describes the process in an article written for "L'Information." He asserted that he watched the new method used in Petrograd hospitals. He attributes its experimental use on animals to Professor Kravkoff and its application to operations on persons to Professor Fedovoff, formerly surgeon to the Emperor.

Dr. Marcou says the patient awakes from the sleep produced by it a little heavy in the head but without nausea or ill effects.

It is methylpropylcarbinol in the proportion of one to 100 parts of warm, salty water that does the business, he says. This is injected directly into a large vein in the elbow and the hollow tube is left in the vein so more may be pumped in as needed.

When from 100 to 200 grams of the liquid have been put in the blood the patient sleeps but there still remains reflex action in the eyes, which is taken as the standard of anaesthetization.

As more of the sleep producer is used, sensitiveness leaves the eyes and the surgeon operates, testing the eyes from time to time so as to keep the blood-system supplied with the fluid. The patient sleeps several hours after the completion of the operation.

"Hundreds of operations," says Dr. Marcou, "were performed in Russia during my stay. I watched some of them. Not one case of death has yet been reported."

The anaesthetic is said to be particularly valuable for head and neck operations where the use of the ether or chloroform mask interferes with the surgeon's work. In such diseases as make the introduction of saity solutions into the blood undesirable or dangerous says Dr. Marcou, salt may be replaced by glucose or bi-carbonate of soda.

DANISH MEMORIAL.

Washington, Dec. 13.—An obelisk of granite 70 feet high is to be erected in Denmark as a memorial to the many thousands of American and Allied soldiers of Danish desent who died in the world war. It has been estimated that about 30,000 men of Danish blood fought in the American armies in France and that about 20,000 Danes fought in the Canadian, Australian, British and French armies.

The proposed obelisk will rest on a base twelve feet high, on one side of which will be two women's figures, one elderly, the other young, both with slightly bowed heads, expressing the sorrow of the motherland and her emigrant daughter for those who died in the war. On another side will be an American eagle with the Star Spangled Banner and in addition there will be bas-reliefs of typical war scenes from the American and Allied fronts.

K. Nielsen Soring, whose son fell in the American army in France, is chairman of the Danish committee which plans to unveil the monument on July 4, 1922. The monument will be erected in Northern Jutland, in the Rebild National Park, which was donated to Denmark by Danish Americans headed by Dr. Max Henius of Chicago.

The plans for the proposed monument have been approved by King Christian of Denmark, the American Legation at Copenhagen, and the Danish Foreign Office.

TRACK MEETS.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 13.—The University of Texas track team is scheduled to participate in six track meets this season, according to Coach Clyde Littlefield. Dates have not been fixed, but the schedule has been outlined as follows: Dual meets with Rice at Austin, Baylor at Waco, S. M. U., at Austin, Oklahoma, A. & M., probably at Austin, Texas A. & M., at Colege Station, and the Southwestern Conferenc meet on May 13 and 14 at a place to be selected later.

The first umbrella ever made in England was of oilskin on a strog wooden frame, and was so heavy that it took two persons to carry it in comfort.

FIRE SWEPT UNCHECKED THROUGH CORK WITH ESTIMATED LOSS OF MANY MILLIONS

Charged that Police Auxiliaries Set Fire to City in Reprisal for Killing from Ambush by Sinn Feiners of Some of Their Comrades---City Hall and Many Other Buildings Destroyed.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 13.—British regulars stood guard today over the twisted, blackened ruins left by fires Saturday night and yesterday which swept virtually unchecked through the city of Cork, Ireland. It is charged that police auxiliaries, maddened by the killing and wounding of comrades by ambushed Sinn Feiners Saturday, loosed the fire demon on the city. Estimates of the loss run as high as $15,600,000. The people of Cork spent hours of terror Saturday night, the wildest disorder prevailing throughout the city. It is said several lives were lost. Two brothers named Delaney were called from their homes and shot, one fatally. Hardly a shop is left unscathed in the business section of Cork. An area of three blocks was reduced to a mass of debris. The magnificent city hall of Cork was laid in ruins; the Carnegie library was burned, and the Corn Exchange was partially destroyed. It is reported that Albert Quay is a mass of desolation.

GARNER DEMANDED PURPOSE BE SHOWN

TEXAS MEMBER OF HOUSE WANTS STATEMENT OF REASON INCLUDED IN RECORD.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Initial steps in framing new revenue legislation by congress were taken today with the opening of hearings before the house ways and means committee on tax questions and the nation's revenue needs. Dr. Thomas Adams, tax expert of the treasury department, told the committee that the first problem to decide was whether the level of taxes be retained at four billions annually. Chairman Fordney and Representative Garner (Democrat) of Texas had a lively tilt when the Texas member demanded that a statement be included in the record showing the exact purpose of the hearings. Mr. Fordney announced that the committee proposed to gather information as a base for the contemplated revision of the tax laws and planned to continue hearings to December 23.

CANVASS THE VOTE.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 13.—The state canvassing board today began the tabulation of the state vote cast in the election of November 2. Officials of the board, which began the tabulation of the vote on the three constitutional amendments first, estimate that they will not finish with the amendments until tomorrow. They will then count the vote for the state officials.

FRAMING NEW BILL.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 13.—A tentative public utilities bill today was submitted to a committee appointed by the governor to draft a measure of this nature. The tentative bill had been prepared by a sub-committee of seven and the entire committee met here today to consider it. The measure finally decided upon will be introduced at the next session of the legislature.

NO SLUMP IN CHICAGO.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The theatrical slump anticipated as being coincident with the general industrial let up, has failed to reach Chicago. A very slight falling off in attendance has been noted during the past few days, but managers say it is no more than usual each year as the holiday season approaches.

Five loop theatres have broken all house records during the past few weeks according to their managers, and in two of the five, drama is the offering, while a third is presenting light opera. The other two are musical shows.

Three new legitimate theatres are under construction together with two big picture houses, the investment in which is as great as in any of the theatres housing spoken attractions. With the completion of the new houses theatrical men say Chicago will take its place as a producing center.

That there is no limit in the prices which can be charged was indicated recently when the manager of one house which has never housed anything but musical shows announced that he had booked a moving picture for an indefinite run, with seats selling at $10 on the opening night.

The same day another manager announced plans for a series of concerts by noted artists, with seats selling at fifty cents.

Notice to Hunters.

All hunters are prohibited from hunting in Jarral, Burritos and Barrocito pastures without permission.

J. D. JENNINGS,
10-23-2m.

It has been found that if hens are fed for a week or so on food in which is mixed a salt of iron, the white of the eggs they lay becomes very rich in iron. The iron is in a form easily digested by the most delicate of patients, and thus affords a combined food and medicine of the greatest possible value.

OIL LAND CASE NOW IN ARGUMENT STAGE

FAMOUS CASE OVER BOUNDARY BETWEEN OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS BEFORE THE COURT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The famous "Red river oil lands case" was called for argument in the supreme court today, marking the passage of one more step in the original suit between the states of Oklahoma and Texas to determine which should hold the title to the valuable oil tracts lying along the common boundary. Attorney General Cureton of Texas headed the counsel for the defendant state, and Assistant Attorneys General Gregory, Todd and Warn are associated with him. Attorney General Freeling of Oklahoma presented the brief for that state.

THOUSAND KEGS OF POWDER EXPLODED

ONE MAN KILLED AND ANOTHER FATALLY BURNED AT POWDER FACTORY IN KANSAS.

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Kansas, Dec. 13.—About a thousand kegs of powder blew up at the Atlas Powder Company's plant three miles south of here shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. Henry Alliett, an employe, was killed and Charles Lang, another workman, prooably was fatally burned. The detonation rocked Pittsburg and surrounding towns. Thousands of dollars' worth of plate glass was shattered by the explosion.

O'LEARY'S CHALLENGE.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 13.—Dan O'Leary who claims the world's championship as a pedestrian, has offered a purse of $600 to any three-man team who can defeat him in a 600-mile jaunt, each man walking 200 miles in relay while Dan is covering the entire distance.

O'Leary says that he is anxious to stage the event in Dallas and has made the provision that names of contestants must appear in the city director of either Houston, Dallas or Fort Worth. His opponents will not be required to post a forfeit, he added.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER 13.

Allies reported to be ready to accept several treaty changes in order to secure American ratification.

Notice to Hunters

All hunters are prohibited from unting in the Slator pasture without permission.

L. F. PIPES.
10-23-2m.

TEXTILE WORKERS TOLD OF REDUCTION

HALF OF ENTIRE FORCE IN LAWRENCE MILLS RECEIVED NOTICE OF WAGE REDUCTION.

By Associated Press.

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 13.—The first announcement of actual reduction of textile operatives' wages by large mill corporations was made today by the Pacific Mills and the Arlington Mills of this city. Their 16,000 workers, constituting half of the textile operatives in this center, were notified that a readjustment had been made effective December 20. The amount was not stated, but it was understood to approximate 22½ per cent, as suggested by the manufacturers' conference last week.

APPEALED FOR FUNDS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson today issued an appeal to the American people to contribute to funds for the relief of 3,500,000 children in Central Europe described as facing starvation.

UNKNOWN WAS KILLED.

By Associated Press.

Gladewater, Texas, Dec. 13.—Officers today are endeavoring to identify a young man run over and killed by a freight train he attempted to board here yesterday. A book found on the body contained the name, "John Brassell, Mirton Glar, Mountainview, Arkansas."

TEXAS LAN DTAXES.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 13.—Land in Texas was rendered for taxes in 1919 at figures ranging from 15 to 25 per cent of its real value, according to Tax Commissioner James A. King. Mr. said he based his statement upon certificates from tax assessors.

IMPROVE PARK.

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 13.—Contracts for repairs and improvements to West End Park have just been awarded by President John H. Crocker of the Houston Baseball club. These improvements include roofing the third-base bleachers, the installation of about 1,000 extra seats in the main grandstand, and the construction of a two-story modern club house and dressing room for the players.

ODD AND INTERESTING.

The boots worn by the Life Guards of the British army cost $60 a pair.

New York City is the home of nearly one half of all the Jews in North America.

A suit of armor made for a boy of seven is soon to be sold by auction in London.

Chocolate and cocoanuts are used as currency in parts of the South American interior.

Documents prove that William the Conqueror, England's first Norman King, could not sign his own name.

A silkworm now being produced in America will spin silk threads of any desired hue, the coloring matter being inserted into the silkworm's food.

String and twine to the value of $3000 a year is gathered by the rag-pickers of Paris from the rubbish boxes in the public places of that city.

In a street in Rome there is a large fountain, and it is customary for visitors to the city to toss coins into its waters. For it is a popular superstition that if a visitor doesn't hit the fountain with a bit of change every time he passes it, he will never again visit Rome.

Notice.

Having purchased R. G. Tonkin's interest in garage located at 1011 Matamoros street am in a position to take care of your automobile repairing. Only first class American mechanics, prompt service, right prices and guaranteed work, our motto.

L. B. SMITH.
12-11-6t.

TIMES WANT ADS.
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From Tuesday's Daily.

THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE.

Some time ago it was suggested by one of the Roman Catholic prelates that England and the Sinn Fein arrange for a "truce of God," as the old truces at the Christmastide were called. In other words, to arrange for a cessation of all hostilities, at least during that holiday season, when the thoughts of the world are turning to the Prince of Peace, it being the hope that the truce might eventuate in a complete end of hostilities through more moderate means.

The idea appealed to the people of every country, and it was the fond hope of all that such an agreement might be brought about. But human passions were too much for the success of the plan, and the "truce of God" failed, just as many other pacific measures have when proposed for Ireland.

So the killing of policemen by the Sinn Fein desperadoes went on, to be followed by brutal reprisals on the part of the police auxiliaries, and the culmination of the bloody deeds came with the assassination from ambush of several of the "Black and Tans," followed by the dreadful fire which destroyed the business section of Cork and the terrorizing of the entire population.

This would seem to be the time for all the nations to step in and demand a cessation of the horrors. If any country or any ecclesiastical power has an influence over the Sinn Fein that will cause the misguided rebels to realize that murder only hurts their cause; if the powers have any influence with Great Britain which will cause that powerful country to restrain its hand until a composition of the differences can be brought about, this is the time that influence should be used, in the name of Him who was born to bring peace to the world.

Recently one of the Sinn Fein leaders was quoted as saying that Ireland would be destroyed, rather than permit a further continuance of British rule. If that is the temper of the Irish revolutionists, then there is small hope of peace while they live.

Practically all of the Sinn Fein members are Roman Catholics, subject to the princes of that church and as a rule obedient to the orders of its clergy. It would seem that as loyal sons of the church they should be willing to listen to the Holy Father in his pleading for a truce.

The British officials say they do not want further destruction of property and loss of life. In that case, it should be possible to find some form of truce that would meet the circumstances.

Of course, there are some of the English who still insist upon "no treatment with rebels in arms," just as there are some rebel chiefs who declare that they will die before they will submit.

But neither side is gaining anything in the sort of fighting that has been going on for months and which is gradually becoming less and less endurable on the part of the civilized world.

An agreement to stop fighting while the questions at issue are discussed could do no harm to either side, and for humanity's sake the proposal for a truce should be accepted and carried into effect.

It is the situation in Ireland which causes one to doubt if the league of nations—or any new "association" of nations—could ever put an end to war. The Irish revolutionists refuse to listen to the counsel of any other nation, and demand abject surrender on the part of the English government as the only terms they will accept.

Annihilation is a terrible step to contemplate, yet it is the one proposed by the extremists in opposition to the Sinn Fein. Assassination is the worst weapon ever employed to gain an objective, yet it is in daily use by the Irish rebels.

The world has a right to demand that hostilities stop, even though for only the short period of the Christmas holidays. It may be that thus cooler counsel will prevail and no further war result.

AMENDING TAX LAWS.

The attempt to amend the existing income tax and excess profits tax laws is one that should have been made some time ago. And no more popular act of congress can be suggested than one repealing the present revenue law and enacting one that will be productive of sufficient revenue, while not placing a penalty on the transaction of business.

As it is, the average business man is hampered in the conduct of his business and has to pay a disproportionate tax on the money that passes through his hands, but little of it remaining after the taxes are paid and the costs of running the business satisfied.

One pernicious feature of the excess profits tax is the tax levied on the sale of real estate. The tendency of any tax that penalizes the sale of property is to prevent transactions necessary for the progress of a community and to cause property owners to refrain from improvements on their own part, as well as preventing many who might buy undeveloped property and build thereon.

When a man is forced to divide his profit with the government, he is apt to think twice before selling building lots, or else to place such a price on them as will effectually prevent their purchase.

The excess profit tax has a tendency to reduce real estate speculations, but it has put a stop to building activities. A man who has held property for years in the hope of realizing a profit on it when someone wants to build on it is not apt to sell at all when he has to pay the government at least one-half of the profit.

A concrete example is offered here. A man has held a couple of lots for twenty years, paying the small taxes on the undeveloped land. The lots, which originally cost him not to exceed $100 each, are now valued at $3,000, the "unearned increment" coming from the improvement of other property in the neighborhood and the gradual extension of the residence section.

If he sells the two lots for $6,000, which is considered a fair price, he will have to pay an excess profits tax of $2,900, or half of his profit, and while that leaves him what some would consider a fair return on his original investment, he will not sell while the law is in effect.

The lots remain on his hands. If his taxes are increased, he complains that he is being overcharged, for he cannot sell without losing the half of his profit, while the undeveloped lots are bringing him in no returns whatever.

The man who would like to build cannot afford to pay more than the $6,000 which the lots are estimated to be worth, and so he will wait until better days, trusting that the law, which operates to prevent needed improvements, is either repealed or amended.

The complex requirements of the profits tax on merchants also need amendment. The proposition to place a straight one per cent tax on all sales would be infinitely more equitable and vastly less burdensome, and in addition would not require such an enormous amount of bookkeeping.

Of course, much of the profit tax would be handed along to the consumer, but even so it would not cause the goods to sell for more than at present, and there would be less trouble in fixing a selling price than at present.

And if the excess profits tax on real estate transactions, the excess profits tax on merchandise "turnovers" and the rest of the unbalanced taxes were removed and a sensible plan of taxing the people to furnish the needed revenue for the government were adopted, we should be willing to pay all that was needed.

The worst feature of the present cumbersome taxes is the needless worry and annoyance to all concerned. The cost of collecting the tax is also greater than need be, because of the difficulty of so adjusting it that everyone will understand it.

INSPECTS ZAPATA HIGHWAY AND WORK ALREADY DONE

County Highway Engineer, County Judge and Commissioners Court Members Inspect Work Done.

The members of the commissioners' court of Webb county, headed by County Judge A. Winslow, and accompanied by County Highway Engineer J. G. Rollins, left here this morning in automobiles for an inspection of that portion of Highway No. 12, extending from the Chacon bridge 15 1-10 miles to the Zapata county line which has been completed, and for which the county has paid.

As reported in yesterday's Times only one-third of the highway has so far been completed during the four months that work has been in progress, and at that rate it will take one year to complete the roadway. There has been some complaint heard about this delay in the work, but it is hoped by the members of the commissioners court that the remaining two-thirds of the highway will be completed in better time than it took to complete the first one-third. The members of the commissioners court who went on the inspection trip this morning returned home today.

RECIPROCATING KINDNESS OF THE MEXICAN OFFICIALS

Captain Rivera and Mr. Araujo, Who Cared for Laredoans on Trip, Entertained by Laredo People.

Captain Francisco A. Rivera, personal representative of President Obregon, and P. C. Araujo, personal representative of the director general of Mexican railways, who accompanied the Laredo delegation on the "Gateway Special" on their tour of Mexican cities after leaving Mexico City and came with them to Laredo, were the guests at luncheon of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Brennan on Sunday, Mrs. Brennan being assisted in entertaining by Miss Laura Taylor.

Last night at the Latin-American Club Captain Rivera and Mr. Araujo were the guests of honor at a ball given in their honor by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, the delightful event being attended by a number of Laredo people and also officers of Fort Mcntosh. Music was furnished by a Mexican orchestra and the evening was a most delightful one for dancing.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express publicly our sincere thanks to all those kind friends who assisted us and extended us sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved mother, the late Mrs. Carolina G. de Elizondo; also to those who sent flowers at the funeral.

The Family.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

Asylum of Malta Commandery No. 32, K. T.
Laredo, Texas, Dec. 14th, 1920.
To Eminent Commander,
Generalissimo & Captain General & Sir Knights, Malta Commandery No. 32, K. T.

Whereas it has pleased the Grand Commander of the universe, to move from our ranks our beloved Frater and Past Commander, Sir Knight W. H. Mims, who on the sound of the Bugle at 3:45 p. m. on the 6th day of December, 1920, peacefully and obediently answered the last call to Grand Commandery above, there to enjoy the commands of the Grand Master, and until the last trump shall sound, Well done thou good and Valiant Soldier of the cross, enter thou into the joy of the Lord, And,

Whereas we mourn with broken hearts, our bodies bowed with sorrow, our eyes dimmed with tears of brotherly love and affection for a noble and a valiant knight, whose spirit has taken its flight to that blessed Emmanuel, to hear the words,

How sweet a life was his, how sweet a death, And,

Whereas, in the death of Sir Knight W. H. Mims, we too are reminded that we are born to die, and that the grains of sand in the hour glass of our existence are slowly but surely passing away, and in the short space of a few years at the most our sword will be placed in its scabbard for the last time and may it be said of us, as of him, that our swords were never drawn but to defend truth and liberty, which were his grand characteristics,

My Saviour as thou wilt, all shall be well for me, And,

Be it resolved that while paying tribute to the memory of our departed Frater, Sir Knight W. H. Mims, we commemorate his virtue and worth, recognizing that in his death that Malta Commandery No. 32 has lost a true Soldier, A Valiant Knight of the Temple, the City of Laredo, a worthy and exemplary citizen, his family a devoted husband and father,

Sleep on Dear Friend until thy waking day, And,

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread on records of Malta Commandery No. 32, a copy sent to the family under the seal of Commandery and a copy to The Laredo Times for publication.

Courteously submitted,
JOHN COLMAN, P. C.
R. McCULLOCH, P. C.
J. S. WESTBROOK, P. C.
Committee.

NOTICE OF SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

In the District Court of Webb County, Texas, Manuela Sanchez de Sanchez et al, plaintiffs, vs. Felix G. Sanchez et al, defendants.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Webb County, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1920, in Cause No. 5262 on the Docket of said Court, ordering the sale of the property hereinafter described, as under execution. I did on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1920, at 10 o'clock A. M. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Webb and State of Texas, and belonging to Manuela Sanchez de Sanchez, Viviana Sanchez de Sanchez, Jose Ma. Sanchez, Refugio Gutierrez, Feliz G. Sanchez, Julian Sanchez, Anastacio G. Sanchez, Rafaela Sanchez de Lozano, Jesusita Sanchez, Jose Sanchez, Guadalupe Sanchez de Garcia and Teresa Sanchez de Cantu, viz:

Lots Numbers Three (3), Four (4), Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block Number Three Hundred and Fifty (350), situated and being in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Two Hundred and Fifty (250) acres of land in Webb County, Texas, the same being a part of Porcion Number Thirty-one (31), Abstract No. 3116, Jose Treviño, Original Grantee, and particularly known as the Eugenio V. Sanchez part of said porcion.

And on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1921, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Manuela Sanchez de Sanchez, Viviana Sanchez de Sanchez, Jose Maria Sanchez, Refugio Gutierrez, Felix G. Sanchez, Julian Sanchez, Anastacio G. Sanchez, Rafaela Sanchez de Lozano, Jesusita Sanchez, Jose Sanchez, Guadalupe Sanchez de Garcia and Teresa Sanchez de Cantu in and to said property.

Dated at Laredo, Texas, this the 10th day of December, A. D. 1920.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.
By F. H. Ligarde, Deputy.

When You Are Constipated.

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

ACHES AND PAINS—SLOAN'S GETS 'EM!

Famous pain and ache Liniment kept handy, brings warming, gratifying relief

RHEUMATIC twinges ease up soon. So do stiff joints, lame back, neuralgia, overtaxed muscles, and those pains from weather exposure, too—they don't fight long against the counter-irritation that Sloan's Liniment produces.

Always keep this old family friend *handy* for instant use—a little *penetrates without rubbing*, leaving no skin stains, muss, or clogged pores. Its very odor—healthy and stimulating—suggests the good it will do.

All druggists. Three sizes—35c, 70c, $1.40. Largest size is most economical.

Sloan's Liniment Pain's enemy

TODAY'S EVENTS.

One hundred and twenty-one years ago today died George Washington, first President of the United States.

Today is the twenty-fifth birthday the Duke of York, second son of King George and heir presumptive to the throne.

Louisiana holds an election today for delegates to the convention which is to frame a new State Constitution.

The candidacy of several women for public office features the municipal elections to be held today in a number of cities of Massachusetts.

The twenty-eight annual Missouri State Poultry Show will be opened at Chillicothe today and continued through the remainder of the week.

Because of the bearing it may have on Provincial politics, much interest centers in the annual convention of the United Farmers of Ontario, opening at Toronto today.

The case brought by the Maryland League for State Defence to test the constitutionality of the Federal woman suffrage amendment is docketed for a hearing in court in Baltimore today.

CHEERFUL WORDS.

For Many a Laredo Household.

To have the pains and aches of a bad back removed—to be entirely free from annoying, dangerous urinary disorders, is enough to make any kidney sufferer grateful. The following advice of one who has suffered will prove helpful to hundreds of Laredo readers.

J. C. Stein, barber, 1620 Lincoln St., Laredo, says: "Some time ago I came down with a severe backache. It hurt me to stoop over or straighten up. My kidneys acted too frequently and I was compelled to arise often at night. I heard Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended so I bought some and started using them. I used about two boxes and they entirely removed the trouble. I haven't been bothered since. I gladly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pill—the same that Mr. Stein had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

BASKETBALL GAMES.

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 14.—With the football season a matter of history, undergraduates of Rice Institute have turned their attention to basketball possibilities.

Led by Coach Cawthorn, the Blue and Gray will engage practically every major basketball aggregation within the southwestern tier of states. Twenty-three candidates for the team have reported so far, among them being many of last year's stars.

"Little Doc" Lovett, a last year's first string man, is in charge of cage racptice under Coach Cawthorn. Other veterans reporting are Kennedy, Brown, Coleman, McKean, Rose, Timmons and Alexander.

The schedule for the season has not been completed although several of the more important contests have been arranged. The initial clash will be between Rice and Baylor University on January 15.

The War Taxes the Nerve Energy of the Country

To win the war every energy of body and mind must be concentrated to the purpose. It will not do for you to become stale. If the necessary high rate of speed exhausts you, if your forget things and cannot sleep nights, if your digestion is impaired and you are irritated by small things, that is a sign your nervous system is breaking down, and it is time for you to take

SENSAPERSA

which will help rebuild the worn-out nerves and tissues, and put you in the front ranks. The properties of this blood tonic and nerve sedative should double your nerve health in ten days and you will be able to vigorously attack your daily problems with renewed strength and ability to resist the strain caused by the conditions of to-day. Two sizes, 50c. and $1.00 at your Druggist or from

City Drug Co.

THE LAREDO DELEGATION MADE GOOD IMPRESSION.

Letter from Tampico Indicates that Laredo Representatives Made Lasting Friendships in Tampico.

The officers of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, and managers of the Laredo delegation during its tour of Mexico, were many times in receipt of expressions from American consuls at the different points visited, as also officers of the Mexican Chambers of Commerce, of the good behavior and high character of the business men which composed the Laredo delegation. It was a matter of common comment that many of the delegations considered that they were on a tour of mere sight-seeing.

The Laredo delegation, however, at all times observed every consideration of the courtesies extended and were serious minded in reference to the studies of conditions in each locality which could assure them of the safety of the new era of peace and prosperity which was being developed for the republic.

As an example of the expression which was often given verbally, Secretary Mally has just received a letter from the American Chamber of Commerce at Tampico, vouchd for by the genial secretary and general manager, Robt. E. Sweeney. The following quotation from his letter of December 9th is interesting:

"We wish to again assure you of our sincere pleasure at having been able to meet the members of your delegation and to congratulate you upon the class of men which were included in your trip. After becoming acquainted with them we agreed that the Mexican authorities were right in placing every possible convenience at your disposal. They are the kind of men that should have such conveniences."

Notice.

To the public in general and to my patrons in particular, I wish to announce that we have reopened our dining-room in the Traveler Hotel, where we will be pleased to serve you in the future as in the past.

W. L. IRWIN.
12-2-10t.

TURNING OUT LONG STAPLE AT THE LAREDO GIN CO. PLANT

More Than Half of the Experimental Crop Grown Hereabouts Has Been Ginned; Gin Still Running.

The Laredo Ginn Co. on the Heights in this city is still operating its gin, turning out the long staple variety of cotton which was grown in the Laredo section this season merely for experimental purposes, and which has convinced the growers that the Laredo section is adapted to the successful growing of this variety of the fleecy staple.

So far a total of about twenty-five bales of the new kind of cotton has been ginned at the local plant and there are about fifteen more bales to be ginned. The plant will be equipped by the addition of more machinery to handle considerable of the long staple (Pima) variety of cotton during the 1921 season, as quite a number of cotton growers are going to give attention to this profitable kind of cotton instead of the usual kind.

Government Sale.

D. L. 197. On December 15, 1920, at 10 a. m. at the courtroom of the Federal Building, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following condemned government property, viz: 15 diamond set rings, 1 ruby and diamond set ring, 2 diamond and sapphire set rings, 2 signet rings, 2 diamond and ruby set scarf-pins, 1 pearl and sapphire set scarf-pin, 1 gold watch charm.

J. A. HERRING,
Marshal Southern District of Texas.
By ALLAN WALKER, Deputy.

A CONVICT CAPTURED HERE WITH AMERICAN PASSPORT

Pulled One Over on Tampico American Consul, But Couldn't Get Away With it With Inspectors Here.

A man possessed of an American passport issued by the American consul at Tampico to Harry Murry, under which assumed name he was traveling, was held up and investigated by Immigration Inspectors Moynahan and Didieu when he crossed the international footbridge this morning from Mexico, and as a result he is now in the county jail here.

After the inspectors had put the man through a severe grilling (for they were suspicious of him) he broke down and spilled the beans and he admitted that he was Jim Ashley, Convict No. 8411, a parole violator from Anamosa, Iowa, who swam the Rio Grande from Laredo to the eMxican side about a year ago and has since been in Mexico. He was serving a term of five years in the Iowa penitentiary and was on parole when he made his getaway. Ashley is being held in the county jail here pending the arrival of Iowa officials.

Masonic Notice.

There will be special meetings of Laredo Lodge, No. 547, A. F. & A. M., Wednesday evening at 7:30; work in F. C. degree; and Friday evening at 7.30; work in E. A. degree. All visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

R. B. LEE, W. M.
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WAS SUMMARILY EXECUTED BY THE FEDERAL OFFICIALS

One of the Revolutionists Captured Near Guerrero Last Week Has Been Disposed of in Short Order.

It now appears that the new Mexican government is going to put down all revolutionary movements in that country in their incipiency and adopt drastic means to convince the disturbing element that their trouble-making will no longer be tolerated, and that the ones responsible for any revolutionary movement will be dealt with to the most extreme extent—execution.

Word comes from Guerrero, Mexico, sixty miles down the Rio Grande from Nuevo Laredo, that Bernardino Sanchez, one of the two men captured when Pablo Gonzalez, el Chico, and Ireneo Villareal, with a small band, were encountered by federal soldiers between Guerrero and Paras on Friday, was taken out Sunday morning, stood up against a wall and summarily executed, thereby getting rid of Señor Sanchez. President Porfirio Diaz found this kind of treatment necessary for revolutionists in his day and it appears that President Obregon will follow the example of the immortal Diaz.

A CORRECTION.

The announcement in the Times last evening that the entertainment and dance given at the Latin-American Club, in honor of Captain Rivera was under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce was not authorized. It is fair and proper for all concerned that the following explanation should be given. A portion of the members of the Laredo Trade Excursion were anxious to tender some kind of an entertainment for Captain Rivera during his stay at Laredo, which would not only make it pleasant for him, but be a special indication of their appreciation for the careful attention and valuable assistance which the Captain had rendered as a special representative of President Obregon to accompany the Laredo Gateway Special, which was carrying Governor-elect Pat M. Neff on a tour through Mexico. Hence while a great many members of the Chamber of Commerce participated in the entertainment, there were also many other of our good citizens who joined in providing for this expression of appreciation. For that reason it should be considered in that light, and not as a Chamber of Commerce function.

SECRETARY.

He Sticks to Mix.

A Tom Mix picture without good old "Pat" Christman, the famous cowpuncher, in the cast would be "all wrong." Even Tom himself says so. Chrisman is very much in evidence in, "The Texan," the latest of Mix westerns, produced by William Fox and to be shown at the Royal Theatre beginning today. After playing for years with old-time western cowboy shows, Christman joined Mix while the latter was with the old Selig Company. "And I'm still with the Old Hoss," is Pat's comment—referring, of course, to Mister Mix.

Attention Elks!

There will be a regular meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 1018, B. P. O. Elks, this evening at eight o'clock.

A. B. MULLER,
Secretary.

THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

The Children's Encyclopedia can be delivered at your home for Christmas if ordered at once. Can be bought on small monthly payments.

The Grolier Society, the publishers of the Book of Knowledge, have put a sale director in Laredo for the next ten days to enable you to secure this valuable educational work for Christmas. Telephone him and he will be pleased to call on you at your convenience.

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TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE BY JANUARY 10

J. G. Rollins Resigns as County Highway Engineer and Will Go to Eastland County in January.

J. G. Rollins, who came here from North Texas about a year ago to become highway engineer of Webb county, and who has since been in charge of the good roads work in this county, yesterday tendered his resignation to the commissioners' court, to become effective not later than January 10.

Mr. Rollins has done some good work for the county during his term of office and his decision to resign has caused much regret among his numerous friends here. It is said that Mr. Rollins resigned to accept a more lucrative position as county highway engineer of Eastland county and, with his family, expects to leave early in January. It is probable that the State iHghway Commission will recommend an engineer to succeed Mr. Rollins.

Notice to Hunters.

All hunters are prohibited from hunting in Jarral, Burritos and Barrocito pastures without permission.

J. D. JENNINGS.
10-23-2m.

LOCAL NEWS

—If you want your milk delivered regularly, you must put out your empty milk bottles. The supply of bottles is too limited to furnish new bottles all the time.

—The importations through the port of Laredo from Mexico yesterday afternoon consisted of one carload of ixtle, besides some importations in smaller quantities brought by truck over the international footbridge.

—Milk bottles cost too much money to permit their use for storage in the homes. Let the milkman have them as soon as empty.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Refugio Rodriguez and Miss Isabel Gomez, Oscar C. Johnson and Miss Hattie May Sullivan.

—A light frost was in evidence this morning early as a result of the chilly weather which prevailed during the night. But it is not believed that anything was seriously damaged as a result of the visitation of Jack Frost this time.

—If you don't let the milkman have his bottles, you may find yourself without milk when you want it. No bottles means no milk.

—The Mexican-Italian Opera Co., concluded their engagement in Laredo last night with the presentation of "Madame Butterfly" at the Royal Opera House. A good sized audience greeted the company in the presentation of the opera and the program was much enjoyed by all.

—If each person keeps back only one bottle, it causes the milk man to furnish twice the bottles really necessary.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 14.

Today the bells of St. George's Chapel will peal merrily, and a salute of 21 guns will boom forth in the Long Walk, in Windsor Great aPrk, to remind all within hearing that this is the twenty-fifth birthday of the Duke of York, the second son of their British Majesties. Prince Albert, as he is still best known, is a "sailor prince" like his father and elder brother, and he is often in the public eye and thought because, like his father in another respect, he may come to the throne through outliving the heir apparent. The Prince is extremely popular with all classes. He delight in outdoor sports has been no less marked than the earnestness and enthusiasm with which he has devoted himselt to all the details of his naval career. Last June, in the distribution of the King's birthday honors, he was created Duke of York, Earl of Inverness and Baron Killarney thus taking the titles his father possessed as the late King Edward's second son.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER 14.

1503—Michael de Nostradamus, the famous French astrologist, born in Provence. Died July 2, 1566.

1624—Charles Howard, Lord High Admiral of England, who defeated the Spanish Armada, died. Born in 1536.

1799—George Washington, first President of the United States, died at Mt. Vernon, Va. Born in Westmoreland County, Va. Feb. 22, 1732.

1824—Puvis de Chavannes, one of the greatest masters of mural and decorative painting, born at Lyons, France. Died in Paris in 1898.

1845—Claude Matthews, the Indiana governor who called out the militia to suppress prize-fighting, born at Bethel, Ky. Died at Indianapolis, Aug. 28, 1898.

1851—Louis Napoleon was elected President of the French Republic.

1883—The Standard Theater, in New York City, was destroyed by fire.

1894—Eugene V. Debs was sentenced to six months imprisonment for contempt of court during the great railway strike.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER 14.

Duke of York, second son of King George and heir presumptive to the British throne, born 25 years ago today.

Prince Paulos, third son of King Constantine and recently mentioned for the throne of Greece, born in Athens, 19 years ago today.

Dr. David Spencer Hill, the new president of the University of New Mexico, born in Nashville, Tenn., 47 years ago today.

Hon Pierre Edouard Blodin, Postmaster-General of Canada, born in Quebec, 46 years ago today.

Charles T. Aikens, president of Susquehanna University, born in Mifflin County, Pa., 58 years ago today.

From Wednesday's Daily.

BEETHOVEN ANNIVERSARY.

New York, Dec. 15.—Musicians and music-lovers the world over will pay tribute tomorrow to the memory of Ludwig von Beethoven, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth. Beethoven will ever rank as one of the world's greatest musical composers. He has been called the Homer, the Shakespeare, the Goethe of the musical world. By this it is intended to indicate that he is as supreme in the realm of music as these other great names are in the realm of epic and lyric postry and the drama.

Beethoven first saw light in Bonn, Prussia, Dec. 16, 1770. He was an Austrian by birth, but Dutch by descent. His musical education begaan at the tender age of 4 years under his father, who was a musician in the court band of the elector of Cologne. Pfeiffer, a tenor singer, who lodged with the Beethovens in 1778, contributed to the young master's knowledge of music. For ten years or more from 1781 young Beethoven filled the various positions as court organist, conductor of the opera band, or, as we call it nowadays, orchestra. The elector finally sent him to Vienna to study music. Then, at the age of 22, he began to study under Haydn, principally in strict counterpoint.

Dissastified by the lack of attention given him by Haydn, whose other occupations partly justified it, Beethoven set out for England in 1794 and took lessons of several masters on the violin. He published his first work, the three trios, known as opus 1, the following year, and from then on published his compositions with regularity.

Beethoven won many crowning honors, but no one ever had to bear a heavier cross. During the latter half of his life he was entirely bereft of hearing, the sense most necessary to the musician. This calamity began to overtake him when he had passed his 25th year, and in a short time he was totally deaf.

At the age of 32, under the influence of an apparently fatal illness, he poured out the story of the misery in which he had been plunged by the misfortune that had overtaken him, confessing that he had even meditated suicide, but that at last he had determined to live for his art.

The great composer had other sorrows to endure beside the supreme grief of the loss of his hearing. His grandfather had been a singer of some reputation, but his father, though a capable musician, was a man of dissolute habits, and the family during Beethoven's childhood sank into poverty. For many years, after he had attained manhood, Beethoven was the support of his father and two brothers.

Beethoven's family affections were of the most intense nature, and when his yonger brother died and left a son to the composer's protection and care, the great artist accepted the obligation as a sacred trust. He soon centred all his affection on this boy, who turned out, however, to be a graceless ne'er-do-well.

The mother of the boy was a woman of notorious morals, and would not surrender the child until Beethoven had gone throug a tedious and expensive legal process, accompanied by publicity which nearly broke his heart, for he, himself, was of irreproachable habits and extremely sensitive.

The nephew constantly worried and harassed the composer, and capped the climax of his reckless behavior by attempting suicide. This nearly prostrated Beethoven, and was the indirect cause of his death, for while traveling with the young man, who had been ordered from Vienna, the great composer took pneumonia, which was followed by dropsy, and in a few months he died. The date of his death was March 26, 1827.

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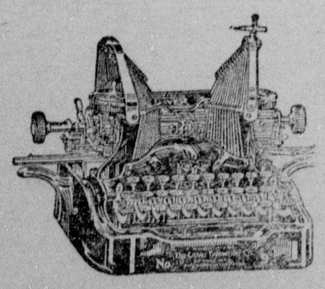

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SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

The Frivolous Eight Bridge Club will meet with Miss Merceil Lake at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Thursday.

Mrs. John Tucker Halsell will entertain the Married Ladies Social Club at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. Herbert Freuler at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The four circles of the W. M. U. of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Solitary Reaper.

Behold her, singing in the field,
You solitary Highland Lass!
Reaping and singing by herself
Step here, or gently pass!
Alone she cuts and binds the grain,
And sings a melancholy strain;
O listen! for the Vale profound
Is overflowing with sound.

No nightingale did ever chant
More welcome notes to weary bands
Of travelers in some shady haunt
Among Arabian sands;
A voice so thrilling ne'er was heard
In springtime from the Cuckoobird
Breaking the silence of the seas
Among the farthest Hebrides.

Will no one tell me what she sings—
Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow
For old, unhappy, far-off things,
And battles long ago;
Or is it some more humble lay,
Familiar matter of today?
Some natural sorrow, loss or pain,
That has been, and may be gain?

Whate'er the theme, the Maiden sang
As if her song could have no ending;
I saw her singing at her work,
And o'er the sickle bending—
I listened, motionless and still,
And, as I mounted up the hill,
The music in my heart I bore
Long after it was heard no more.
—Wordsworth.

General Mention.

Mrs. Elmer Fletcher of Littleton, Mass., will arrive in the city on Friday to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Chester Nye.

Mrs. George Haynes of Zapata is visiting in the city.

Ex-Sheriff Ed Colman of Frio county has returned home after a several days' stay in the city.

Mr. J. H. Gilbert of Cotulla has returned home after a short stay in the city.

Mr. Frank Dillard of Bruni is in the city for a short stay.

Rev. C. W. Cook is expected home today from La Perla Ranch, where he has been enjoying a hunt.

Mrs. Annie Smith and Miss Mary Nye of Littleton, Mass., will arrive in the city on Friday en route to California and while in the city will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nye.

Mr. Ira O'Meara has returned from a short trip to Eagle Pass.

Mrs. Sam Mackin and daughter, Miss Ethel Mackin, are expected home today from San Antonio, where they have been the guests of Major and Mrs. Garrison.

Mrs. A. C. Richter is in San Antonio for a short stay.

Mrs. Carl Hostetter of San Antonio is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Keithley, and will remain for the coming holidays.

Mr. M. Little is in Eagle Pass on a business trip.

Mrs. Valentin L. Puig leaves tomorrow for St. Louis, where she will be joined by her daughter, Miss Bruna Puig, and from there go to Dayton, O., where she will be joined by her two nephews, Baldo and Luis Puig. From Dayton the party will go to New York where they will spend the holidays with Valentin L. Puig, Jr, who is a medical student in Columbia University.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Haynes arrived this morning from Mexico City.

Mrs. Joe Moser and little daughter, Charlotte, leave tomorrow for San Antonio on a visit to Mrs. Moser's parents.

Announcement.

Miss Rosita Applewhite will entertain the Saturday Night Cotillion Class with an informal dancing party on the evening of December 30th at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Applewhite, on Market street.

Perfect Arrangements.

The committee of ladies in charge of the Revellers Christmas dance to be given on the night of December 28th held a meeting this morning to perfect arrangements. Mrs. T. A. Leyendecker is chairman and with her are Mrs. J. C. Martin, Mrs. Mabel Barlow, Mrs. Hugh Cluck, Mrs. R. L. Bobbitt and Mrs. J. S. Denike.

Sunbeam Band.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church met yesterday afternoon and a very interesting program was given, the subject being "Strange Ways in China." At the conclusion of the service a short business session was held. Mrs. Fletcher Smith and Mrs. H. L. Guinn conducted the service and there were sixteen members present.

Junior Auxiliary.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church held its regular meeting at the Rectory yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Cook. A time was spent in finishing up the Christmas tree decorations. This will be the last meeting until after the holidays. The service was also given in the church and at the conclusion of the same Mrs. Cook read the children two very interesting Christmas stories entitled "Seeking The Way" and "A New Kind of Santa Claus." A play hour was enjoyed after the service and flowers were taken to the hospital for the sick. Those present at the meeting were: Charline, Miles and Elizabeth Nye, Joe and Teresa Fasnacht, Nellie and Jamie Ward, Woodie and Nettie Bunn, Anita and Ethel Laue, Jack Aldridge, George, Horace, Bobby, Elinor and Jack Kehl, Ruby Colman, Mary Anderson, Jack Anderson and Edward Shahady.

Tuesday Music and Literary Club.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club met yesterday afternoon at Elks Hall with Mrs. I. Goodman as leader. The subject was "American Miniature Painters" and the roll call responses were to name and locate a famous art collection. The leader's talk on the subject of the afternoon was very concise and entertaining. Miss Celeste Hamilton entertained very delightfully with a reading entitled "No News, or What Killed The Dog." This was full of delicious humor and she gave as an encore, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," impersonating a bashful school boy, a giggling school girl, a crying baby and an elocutionist, which was very much enjoyed and appreciated by her herrers. The audience was delighted with a group of lovely songs by Miss Longoria of New Laredo. The selections given were from the opera, La Tosca, and the Good-Bye song from Bohemo. Miss Longoria possesses a very full soprano voice, truly operatic in power, and her songs were an exquisite demonstration of the treat in store for Laredo in the future. Prof. Villar was accompanist and the club gave him a rising vote of thanks. Mrs. Seb Wilcox gave a paper entitled "The Artistic Side of Photography," which was most excellent and gave much interesting information on the subject. Metropolitan Museum of Arts was handled in a most interesting and able manner by Miss Gussie Pullin. This was an especially good number on account of its briefness and conciseness. There was a good attendance at the meeting.

AUSTRALIAN TRADE.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Australian government has taken steps to enable countries whose currency has depreciated to trade with Australia, according to advices received by Mark Sheldon, Commissioner for that dominion.

Australia has been collecting customs duties at the mint par rate of exchange based on the value of invoices in the currency of the country where the goods originate. This, the Commissioner says, has made it virtually impossible for certain countries whose currency has depreciated to trade with Australia, because the duties would be too high.

At the same time it tended to prevent French and Italian exporters from using the exchange position to dump goods at prices with which neither Australian nor British manufacturers could compete.

To remedy this situation, the Australian House of Representatives has passed a bill proposed by the Minister of Customs which provides that the Board of Trade shall review the position whenever the exchange rate in any country falls ten per cent below the mint par rate and authorizes that board to recommmend to the Minister that the bank rate of exchange should be adopted in assessing duties.

Taking Desperate Chances.

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding attack and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle?

PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS.

By Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 15.—A plague of locusts, like that which in ancient Egypt "covered the face of the earth" this year descended upon the province of Santa Fe. Similar offensives are almost annual events in one part or another of Argentina.

The locusts come suddenly and without warning. Where for a year or several years perhaps not one of the insects has been seen, a veritable cloud of them will one day appear and settle on the ground. These usually come from the northwest, from the vast almost uninhabited tracts in Bolivia, it is supposed. They cover the earth like a moving carpet, gradually moving on.

At first little damage is done, aside from the inconvenience of having literally millions of the insects covering everything and even penetrating the houses. But as they progress through the country they bore holes into the earth, preferably in hard spots such as roadways, into which they deposit their eggs. Within a short time the larva are hatched and come forth. At first these can not fly, and it is at this stage that they devour every living plant within their path, with the exception of a few species such as willow trees.

A little later the insects develop their wings and, leaving the country through which they have passed a desert, they disappear almost as suddenly as they came. Where they go to has never been discovered.

Argentina has had recourse to many methods of fighting the locusts. The nation maintains organized locusts fighting squads, something like those formed to fight forest fires, and these are sent every year to the sections invaded. In addition, every rancher is held responsible for fighting the pest in his own locality.

One of the methods employed is to dig trenches in which the insects are collected, afterward being burned. But no matter how many millions of them are made away with in any such manner, it is impossible to block the pest owing to the great extent of Argentina, much of which is still very sparsely settled.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

One hundred and seventy-five years ago today was born Thomas Leiper, who built the first tramway in America.

Rt. Rev. Edward A. Temple today celebrates the tenth anniversary of his consecration as Episcopal bishop of Northern Texas.

The annual convention of the Western Canada Livestock Union will meet at Calgary today and continue in session over tomorrow.

Today is the last day for the payment of the United States income and excess profits taxes due this year.

Canada's new immigration regulations, intended to restrict certain classes who might add to unemployment, will be put into effect along the international boundary today.

Many leading prelates of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada, including Archbishop Di Maria, the Apostolic Delegate, are to gather in Halifax today to take part in the celebration of the centenary of St. Mary's Cathedral in that city.

Investigation of the whole subject of cable landings in the United States, and more particularly the disagreement regarding the landing of a Barbados cable at Miami, Fla., will be begun today by a sub-committee of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

When You Are Constipated.

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair, colder, frost. Thursday fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 73 degs.
Min. temp. 30 degs.
General direction of wind: Northeast.
Clear.

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BRITISH MISSION TRIED TO INFLUENCE THE POLICIES OF AMERICAN SHIPPING BOARD

Former Chairman Denman Said His Insistence Upon Freedom from British Influence had Much to Do With His Resignation, and If Negotiations Disclosed Much Might be Made Public.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Members of the British mission which visited the United States in 1917 attempted to influence the policies of the shipping board, William Denman testified today before the special house committee investigating the board's operations. Mr. Denman indicated that his insistence that the shipping board be free from British influence had more to do with his resignation as chairman than any other one thing. The witness said in this connection, if he could obtain the permission of President Wilson for disclosing certain phases of the shipping board negotiations, "one of the sources of interference with my administration as head of the board may be disclosed."

LESS COTTON USED THAN ONE YEAR AGO

MORE COTTON CONSUMED IN GROWING STATES THAN ELSEWHERE, IS THE REPORT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Cotton consumption was further curtailed during November and holdings of cotton showed an increase, the census bureau's monthly report showed today. November cotton consumption was about 67,800 bales less for the four-month period compared with the same period a year ago. Active cotton spindles numbered about two million less than in October and almost three million less than in November of last year. The consumption of cotton in growing states showed less curtailment than elsewhere, with 66,449 bales decrease from a year ago and active spindles showing a falling of 165,395 compared with November of last year. Cotton on hand November 30 showed an increase of 489,498 bales. Cotton growing states held almost a million bales more than a year ago, while consuming establishments in that section held about 5,000 bales less than last year. Consuming establishments elsewhere showed a similar decrease in holdings.

Merchants eDmand Reduction.

elena, Ark., Dec. 15.—J. B. Butts and Company, doing a large credit business among farmers, issued a statament today declaring: "We will refuse to furnish supplies to anyone who will not agree to reduce his cotton acreage 50 per cent." They urge planting of all sorts of food supplies.

LOSS EXCEEDS MILLION.

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 15.—The total loss is expected to exceed a million dollars in the Helmbacher Forge Company fire at Madison, Illinois.

BREAD PRICE CUT.

By Associated Press.

Stamford, Texas, Dec. 15.—The price of a pound loaf of bread was reduced from 15c to 10c today. The reduction affects a large section of West Texas which obtains its bread supplies frm Stamford.

SWEDISH PRICES FALL.

By Associated Press.

Stockholm, Dec. 14.—The tendency of prices to fall has now reached Sweden and according to the "Swensk Handelstidning," during the month of October it amounted to four and one-half percent.

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—Texas high schools are rapidly becoming affiliated with institutions of higher education of the state, reports here show. Approximately 50 schools have applied for affiliation since the beginning of this fiscal year on September 1, according to the high school department of the State Department of Education, and many are seeking to raise their classification.

At the end of the last fiscal year there were 343 affiliated high schools of the first class, 70 of the second class and 75 of the third class. The increase of accredited schools over the previous fiscal year was 37, less than the number that have applied for affiliation thus far this year.

Credits given students by affiliated schools are accepted in lieu of entrance examinations by nine state colleges, thirteen independent senior colleges and nineteen independent junior colleges.

AID FOR BLIND SOLDIERS.

An appeal is made to all those who desire to aid the blinded soldiers and sailors to send their contributions to Sir Arthur Pearson, St. Dunstan's Headquarters, Regent's Park, N. W. 1, London, England. There the blinded service men of the British army are being trained for usefulness and given a fresh start in life. Every effort is being made to give these men the best chance that their affliction will permit.

COTTON GIN BURNED.

By Associated Press.

Paducah, Texas, Dec. 15.—The cotton gin of Goodwin Brothers at Clark, Texas, 12 miles southeast of Paducah, was destroyed Sunday by a fire of undetermined origin, it was learned here today. The loss was placed at $25,000.

CAMPAIGN FOR MILLIONS.

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 15.—Presiding elders, educators and influential laymen of the Central Texas Methodist conference are in session here today arranging for a $3,000,000 school fund campaign in this section.

HONOR MEMORY.

By Associated Press.

Edinburgh, Dec. 15.—Robert Louis Stevenson's memory was honored in his birthplace by the first commemorative dinner of the R. L. Stevenson Club held today in this city.

Dr. Edmund Gosse, to whom Stevenson's last letter, an unfinished one, from Vailima was addressed, said that he "did not believe Stevenson had 20 real friends; yet he was the incarnation of friendship, one of the truest souls and one of the most beloved of natures."

ROTARIANS HELD MEETING ACT ON SEVERAL MATTERS

Appropriate Money for Christmas Cheer, Accept Defi of the Fair Sex for Ball Game New Year's Day.

The regular weekly meeting of the Laredo Rotary Club was held at the Hamilton Hotel Cafe today, presided over by W. L. Chipley. One new member, A. J. Neff, was introduced, and was allowed to deliver a short address for the edification of the older Rotarians. The guests were A. S. Conner of the Long Bell Lumber Co. of San Antonio, and M. W. Brenan, assistant cashier of the Laredo National Bank, both of whom made short talks.

The principal subject of discussion at the meeting today was the proposed Christmas cheer for the poor, and by a unanimous vote, a sum of money was donated from the funds of the club for this laudable work. The sensation of the day came in the form of a challenge from the girls of the Y. W. C. A. to ye Rotarians to meet them in scientific combat in a baseball game on New Year's day, the proceeds of the game to go to some worthy organization. The Rotarians threw their hats into the ring and defiantly accepted the challenge, and the arrangements of the club's side of the contest were placed in charge of a committee composed of J. R. Moore as chairman, Dan Pue and J. E. Trout. Announcement was made by Carlos Richter that Field Commissioner Fitch of the Boy Scouts of Texas was in the city and would address a meeting at Elks Hall this evening and Mr. Richter invited all his brother Rotarians to attend this meeting.

The meeting closed with a solo by Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn and chorus singing joined in by Miss Courtney Slaughter.

Consul General Saracho Returns.

Mexican Consul General Arturo de Saracho, who accompanied the Laredo delegation on the "Gateway Special" to Mexico City on November 27, returned to Laredo this morning. Consul General Saracho remained in Mexico City and did not accompany the delegation on the tour of Mexico, returning to Laredo direct from the Mexican capital.

CORONER'S VERDICT ON COMING OF WIFE

INDICATED THAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS NO DOUBT EXISTS AS TO JOHN HAMMIL'S IDENTITY.

By Associated Press.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 15.—The finding of the coroner's jury in the inquiry into the death of an unidentified man here Monday will not be rendered until after the arrival of Mrs. John Hammil from Ottawa, Canada, it was announced today. The inquest disclosed, however, what was considered positive evidence that the body was that of John Hammil, a wealthy merchant missing from Ottawa since November 11.

BANK PRESIDENT DEAD.

By Associated Press.

Denison, Texas, Dec. 15.—James Addison, president of the Nocona State Bank, closed by the state examiner Monday, was found dead early this morning from a bullet wound, according to a report here. Nocona is in Montague county.

COURT TOOK RECESS.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 15.—The court of criminal appeals recessed today until January 25. No decision was made by this court today because of the absence of two judges from conferences during the past week, but the clerk said some opinions may be handed down during the recess.

WANT TO ISSUE NOTE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Fredericksburg and Northern Railway of Texas has asked permission to issue a note for $36,935 to cover advancement of money during 1918, 1919 and 1920 by the directors and stockholders.

VETERAN RETIRES.

By Associated Press.

Cuero, Texas, Dec. 14.—G. P. Box, county clerk of Dewitt county for the past 36 years, has just retired, being succeeded by J. T. Newman, a veteran of the A. E. F. The new county clerk, a Cuero youth, was wounded during one of the American offensives in France by a bursting shell.

ACKED BY OPIMIUM.

By Associated Press.

Peking, Dec. 15.—Bolshevik currency secured by stocks of opium in Semiryechensk, one of the provinces in Russian Turkestan, has made its appearance in Peking. The opium was seized by Bolshevik authorities from those of the old imperial government, and amounts to some thousands of pounds.

LORETTO COLLEGE.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 15.—Work on the Loretto College, a half-million dollar school to be conducted by the Sisters of Loretto, will begin early next year, it has been announced. The Sisters of Loretto is said to be the first purely American Order of Nuns to be established in this country.

Nineteen acres of land have been bought for the college site. The first $500,000 will be spent in erecting six fireproof buildings. Plans of the school have been passed upon by Mother Superior of St. Joseph's Academy of El Paso.

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From Thursday's Daily.

AN IMPUDENT SUGGESTION.

The Los Angeles financier Vanderlip who has just returned from Soviet Russia, where he secured a concession of 400 square miles in Siberia for a syndicate of California capitalists, suggests that the United States guarantee the investment, which is said to be worth three billions of dollars, by forcing Japan to get out of the territory in which the concession is located!

He offers an inducement for our country to meddle in the matter by stating that Great Britain has a watchful eye on that region, and that if the American capitalists do not secure the plum which he has helped to ripen, the British financiers undoubtedly will get it.

In the first place, there is no certainty that the concession would hold after the soviet government loses its power, and there is every indication that it cannot long endure. A new government might not be willing to confirm the grant, especially as there is nothing to show what was offered in return for the concession, while some suspect that the influence of the syndicate to secure recognition of the Bolshevist regime was one of the considerations.

Further than that, we have no more reason to pull the soviet chestnuts out of the first by helping to drive the Japanese out of Siberia, than we would have to help Japan maintain possession of the territory she has seized. The Soviet government is a usurping government, not in power through the will of the people; the Japanese have no right to the territory which they have seized in the Kamtschatka region, and their expulsion merely depends upon the establishment of a real Russian government and an appeal to the league of nations.

There have been many crooked deals attempted since the armistice was signed between Germany and the allied nations. Some of them have come dangerously near to consummation, while others have been defeated at the very beginning.

The United States has set its face against exploitation of weaker nations, and in this sense the success of the conspiracy to secure the concession in Siberia is an attempt against a weak nation, one that is at present groaning under perhaps the worst usurpation of power that has ever occurred.

The people of Russia have a right to decide as to whether their territory is to be taken from them by a conspiracy between a shrewd financial agent of a foreign nation and the crooked thieves who have grasped the power of the people during a time of turmoil when the people could not protect themselves.

It matters not that the men who are to derive advantage from this crooked deal are Americans; rather, our government should repudiate any connection with such a deal and refuse its support to anyone who is thus attempting to secure a share of the Soviet loot.

No nation can afford to back up such a deal, and were the British financiers or those of Japan to attempt to carry to successful conclusion any such plot to gain a valuable oil and mineral concession there would be general opposition on the part of Americans.

It may be true, as Mr. Vanderlip says, that Great Britain is really resuming trade relations with the Russian people, although not recognizing the Soviet government. For that matter, there is nothing to prevent our merchants from resuming trade relations with the merchants of Russia, provided they do not enter into any obligations which aim at binding our government to recognize Lenine, Trotzy et al.

But to make a trade with Lenine, while antagonizing the Japanese without due cause, is beyond all consideration. Our government is not yet using its functions for the benefit of a syndicate, no matter how many billions it controls, and in all probability it never will.

And the impudence of the suggestion transcends anything that has yet been offered our government.

A COSTLY COMPETITION.

Secretary Daniels wants congress to appropriate money for more war vessels, and gives as his reason the fact that Japan is making substantial increases to her navy.

The other day in the assembly of the league of nations the Japanese delegate said it was impossible for Japan to consider any proposition for disarmament as long as the United States continued to build new warships.

Of course, the Americans will say that this is merely a pretext on the part of Japan. But what will the Japanese say? Are they not convinced that we really are disposed to resort to arms in case Japan insists upon the repeal of anti-Japanese legislation, just as some of our people believe that Japan intends to go to war with our country in an attempt to force racial equality upon us?

The trouble is that so far there is little faith in the effectiveness of the league of nations, and each nations feels that it is necessary to take all possible steps for self-defense, as well as looking to the formation of all possible alliances for defense.

We know that Japan is desirous of forcing her nationals upon all countries, whether they are acceptable or not. But Japan certainly has not the slightest intention of going to war with our powerful nation without the backing of some other country that has reason for enmity toward us. Her present increase of armament is as much for defense in case we should feel inclined to resent her attitude as it is for offense in the hope of forcing us to meet her demands.

An alliance with Great Britain against this country is out of the question. Not even the pro-Irish and pro-German elements in our country will ever succeed in arousing England to hostility against us.

The other nations are all as well disposed toward us as we are toward them. There remains only Germany to form an alliance that might offer any hope of success in case Japan might decide to openly show a hostile front. And Japan would first have to make certain the advantage to Germany before any friendly alliance could be formed, in view of the way Japan treated Germany in the recent war.

So it is plain that Japan is most influenced at present by what she considers our unfriendly attitude towards her. It is not so much the hope of defeating us as it is the desire to protect herself and prevent any domination of the East by this country.

If, despite all the lessons of the war, we are to continue to increase our armaments and prepare for hostile eventualities, of what use was it to win against Germany? If militarism is still to rule the world, we must not only increase our armament, we must have immeasurably the greatest fleet in the world.

We must be able to withstand the attacks of the combined fleets of the rest of the world with the exception of Great Britain and France, for it is unlikely that we shall ever be attacked by either of those countries. But if they were merely to refuse an alliance with our enemies, we should have to be the greatest naval power afloat to assure our own safety.

Nations are bound together by self-interest. In the relations as between nations there are no friendships such as are formed between individuals. There is a reversion to the type of society that was first founded when the cave and woods dwellers formed their defensive against the wild beasts; not from any friendly feelings toward each other, but with the motto "In union there is strength."

And the only alternative to a league of nations that shall be strong and effective is an ever-increasing armament for ourselves. Not only Japan, but other nations, are jealous of our power and covetous of our possessions. We must place them beyond the reach of aggression or prepare to defend them against all comers.

LOST DISTINCTION.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 16.—Texas has lost the distinction of having what was probably the largest farm in the United States worked exclusively by women. This occurred, according to Fritz R. Smith, chairman of the state board of pardon advisers, when prison authorities decided that women confined on Goree prison farm should do all the sewing and tailoring work for the institute.

Women prisoners on the farm, which is two miles from Huntsville, have cultivated from 300 to 400 acres of land during years past, according to Chairman Smith. He said that there were 112 women, thirteen of whom were white, on the farm when the last report was made. With the exception of about three overseers and the captain in charge of the farm, he asserted, no men were allowed there. The farm captain's wife is chief matron, and under her are several other women who act as matrons and guards.

Mr. Smith said that sewing sheds for the women are being built and that men convicts soon will begin cultivation of the farm.

SPINACH SHIPMENTS ROLL OUT OF LAREDO BY EXPRESS

Quite a Lot of Spinach Going Out, But Heavy Shipments Will Start With Operation "Spinach Special."

Shipments of spinach by express are going out of here daily now, and several solid carloads of this kind of vegetable have already been handled besides some shipments made in smaller quantities.

Beginning next week special freight train loads of spinach are expected to begin to move out of here, as plans are about completed for the inauguration of "The Spinach Special" over the I. & G. N., Texas Pacific and Missouri Pacific from Laredo direct to St. Louis. This will be one of the fastest freight trains established so far to carry perishable goods from their shipping point to destination, as it is proposed to make the trip from Laredo to St. Louis in about forty-eight hours. According to present estimates more than 400 carloads of spinach will be shipped out of the Laredo section this season.

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NEW MEXICAN GOVERNMENT RAISES LAREDO CONSULATE

MEXICAN CONSULATE HERE SECOND ONLY TO NEW YORK.

Hs Been Raised to Class 2 on Account of its Importance Commercially and in Other Resepcts.

Mexican Consul General Arturo de Saracho, who returned to Laredo yesterday after an absence of more than two weeks in Mexico City, announced that the Mexican consulate general office at Laredo has been raised to a Class 2 consular general office and is now outclassed only by New York, which is a Class 1 office. This grade puts Laredo above all consular offices along the Mexican border, including El Paso and was made by the Mexican government on account of the importance of Laredo commercially and as a point of heaviest importations, exportations and immigration generally.

Consul General de Saracho was offered several important diplomatic positions by the Mexican government, but he declined them all and expressed his preference to remain at Laredo in his present position for the time being at least. While in Mexico City he secured a thirty days leave of absence and with Mrs. de Saracho leaves tonight for a visit to his old home in Sinaloa, Mexico.

Since the restoration of peace in Mexico consulate general at Laredo has been the principal port on the Texas Mexican border in every respect and the great volume of business done here from the standpoint of exportations, importations, payment of consular duties and immigration and other matters the Mexican government has fully realized the fact that Laredo is the logical gateway to Mexico as well as the logical gateway from Mexico and deemed it but proper to raise the classification of the Laredo consulate general from its present status to that of second in importance in the United States, placing it above even New Orleans, El Paso and other important ports.

Announcement.

For the convenience of those who wish to do their Christmas shopping late in the evening, we will keep our store open until 9 p. m. every day next week.

F. W. WOOLWORTH CO.
12-16 9t.

RENEWED ACTIVITY IS SHOWN BY THE SECURING OF LEASES

Would Indicate That Early Spring Will Witness Great Activity in Oil Drilling Operations.

The renewed activity in the procuring of oil leases in Webb county by representatives of oil concerns indicates that there is going to be something doing hereabouts yet in the way of drilling for oil despite the fact that operations have been lax for several months past on accounts of various causes interfering with the drilling which was in progress, principal of which was due to accidents suffered by the drilling machinery, etc.

According to leases being filed for record with the county clerk there is much confidence manifested by the lessees in the prospects of oil in paying quantities being found in the Laredo section, and the indications are that the early part of next spring will see renewed activity in drilling operations in this section of the sate and it will be fully determined by these operations whether or not this section is in the "gusher" territory.

Notice.

The public is hereby warned that the firing of firearms, cannon crackers and other fire works prohibited by law will not be tolerated during the holidays and violators of this law will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

M. BRENNAN,
12-11-18t. City Marshall.

BLOCKS IN WEBB TOWNSITE PURCHASED BY H. LARIMER

Robert M. Adams Conveys Four Tracts of Land in Townsite in This County for Sum of $1,500.

The following deed has been filed for record with the county clerk in this city, showing the transfer of valuable townsite property in this county located about thirty miles from Laredo:

Robert M. Adams to Hugh Larimer, farm tract No. 626 in block No. 26, farm tract No. 625 in block No. 23, farm tract No. 629 in block No. 25, farm tract No. 630 in block No. 24, each containing approximately twenty acres of land in the townsite of Webb, Texas. Consideration, $1,500.

Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y.

Notice to Hunters

All hunters are prohibited from unting in the Slator pasture without permission.

L. F. PIPES.
10-23-2m.

ANOTHER VICTIM RUN DOWN ON THE STREETS OF LAREDO

LITTLE BOY BADLY INJURED BY JITNEY No. 552123.

Had Teeth Knocked Out and Hip Bruised; Reckless Jitney Driving Common on the Streets of City.

Another child has been run down by a reckless jitney chauffeur and, according to one of the Laredo school teachers who was a witness to the accident, if such it may be called, the jitney was No. 552123, and the victim was Jose Gonzales, who resides at 1715 Lincoln street. The accident occurred in front of the Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. This is the straight-from-the-shoulder information on the subject.

The young lady who witnessed the accident states that the jitney was coming along Houston street at a high rate of speed and the reckless chauffeur hit the little boy, who is nine years of age, knocked out his teeth and injured his hip and proceeded on its way. The boy was taken home and medical aid summonel and he is resting as easy as could be expected.

Some of the thoroughfares of Laredo have been converted into veritable speedways by reckless jitney drivers and they seem to have no respect for human lives. If anybody gets in their way they are run over. However, the reckless driving of jitneys should be stopped and severe penalties provided. Even citizens driving in their private cars are in danger from these reckless drivers as they speed around a corner and dash up the street, and why there are not more automobile accidents as a result of this carelessness is a mystery, for the jitney drivers try to emulate Barney Oldfield when they get loose on the streets of Laredo and the roadways leading in different directions outside of the city.

CAPTAIN RIVERA DEPARTS AFTER AN ENJOYABLE STAY

Personal Representative of President Obregon Very Appreciative of Courtesies Extended Him.

Captain Francisco A. Rivera, of the staff of President Alvaro Obregon of Mexico, and personal representative of the president with the Laredo delegation on its tour of the Mexican cities, accompanying the Laredoans back to this city, left last night for his headquarters in Mexico City.

During his stay in Laredo Captain Rivera was entertained by members of the delegation to whom he had shown every courtesy during the trip, and in providing a good time for him during his visit in Laredo the Laredoans tried to reciprocate the many kindnesses. Captain Rivera requested The Times to express his heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the people of Laredo for the hospitable manner in which he was received and the many courtesies and entertainments provided him and that he carries back with him memories of one of the most pleasant visits of his life while in the city of Laredo. He found it impossible to personally thank all those who helped make his stay in Laredo the pleasant round of pleasure it proved to be, but requested The Times to thank each and everyone for him through the medium of its columns.

CHILD LABOR LAWS.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 16—Drastic revision of the child labor laws of Texas was recommended by Labor Commissioner T. C. Jennings in his biennial report recently submitted to the governor.

Mr. Jennings recommends:

"That the law be amended so as to remove all present exemptions and exceptions so that no child under 18 years of age be permitted to work more than eight hours per day, nor more than six consecutive days in any one week.

"That work permits for children under fifteen years of age be abolished, and that provisions for the care of indigent or dependent children be made by the state through a mother's pension or some other similar law.

"That all children under 18 years of age be required to undergo a physical examination by a health officer or school physician before being employed to determine whether such child is physically fitted for such employment.

"That night work between the hours of 7 p. m. and 6 a. m. be prohibited for all children under 18 years of age and that for night messenger service the age limit be fixed at 21 years.

"That the present provisions of the law making it a misdemeanor to violate the provision of the act be repealed and that a tax of 10 per cent upon the net profits of any business or institution where children are employed in violation of the provisions of this act be levied for the taxable year in which such child or children were employed."

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Colds & Headache

"For years we have used Black-Draught in our family, and I have never found any medicine that could take its place," writes Mr. H. A. Stacy, of Bradyville, Tenn. Mr. Stacy, who is a Rutherford County farmer, recommends Black-Draught as a medicine that should be kept in every household for use in the prompt treatment of many little ills to prevent them from developing into serious troubles.

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

"It touches the liver and does the work," Mr. Stacy declared. "It is one of the best medicines I ever saw for a cold and headache. I don't know what we would do in our family if it wasn't for Black-Draught. It has saved us many dollars . . . I don't see how any family can hardly go without it. I know it is a reliable and splendid medicine to keep in the house. I recommend Black-Draught highly and am never without it."

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LOCAL NEWS

—Born.—Last night to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yeager, a girl.

—Carnival tonight—Soldier's Club. 12-16-3t.

—Gabriel Snubbiers "Snub the Shock." Try a set. Rio Grande Buick Co. 12-15-6t.

—Public stenographer. Hamilton Hotel. Ask for Mrs. Bragg. 12-14-tf.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: Two carloads of ore, two carloads of lead, one carload of barrels and one carloads of baskets. There were also some miscellaneous goods brought by truck over the international footbridge.

—If you want your milk delivered regularly you must put out your empty milk bottles. The supply of bottles is too limited to furnish new bottles all the time. 12-16-5t.

—A big assortment of genuine spruce Christmas trees, all sizes, have been received by Joe Barberio & Co., and are now on sale. Come early while the supply is complete. 12-14-6t.

—To accommodate Christmas shoppers, we will remain open in the evening until Christmas. L. Daiches, the Jeweler. 12-15-3t.

—The cool weather which prevailed this morning made overcoats comfortable, as the air was quite "sharp" in the early morning hours. The temperature was just right for the nimrod with the gun to go after ducks, which are said to be plentiful at this time at certain watering places.

—Carnival tonight—Soldier's Club. 12-16-3t.

—Johnson's Candy one to five pounds at Windrows. 12-13-tf.

—Violet Rays Lens makes night driving a pleasure. For sale by the Rio Grande Buick Co. 12-15-6t

—Special price on French Christmas mix 30 cents a pound beginning December 13th until Christmas. Made by Santiago Pappas. Pay us a visit and save money. Also all kinds of walking canes and fancy boxes. LAREDO CANDY CO. 1-8-14t.

—Horns on automobiles are supposed to be used for warning signals when approaching a corner or similar purposes, but were not created to be a nuisance such as they are made here. One instance of this nuisance was demonstrated in front of the city hall this morning when several jitney chauffeurs there tried to see how much noise they could make.

—Milk bottles cost too much money to permit their use for storage in the homes. Let the milkman have them as soon as empty. 12-16-5t.

—Fine Stationery, 50c to $16.00 at Windrows. 12-13-tf.

—See the Buick 48 on display at the Rio Grande Buick Co. This is the most beautiful coupe every shown in Laredo. 12-15-6t.

—Information on Ford cars and general repairs. Work called for and delivered. Call 670 or 1189. 11-17-1m.

—Carnival tonight—Soldier's Club. 12-16-3t.

—A pair of automobile speeders were arrested last night and then the officer making the arrest received a kayo from one of the speeders. The fine and costs against the speeder for speeding and assaulting an officer comes high in the corporation court.

—If you don't let the milkman have his bottles, you may find yourself without milk when you want it. No bottles means no milk. 12-16-5t.

—Christmas Trees, genuine spruce, all sizes and prices. Make your selection early. Joe Barberio & Co. 12-14-6t.

—Side wings add style to your automobile. Comfort in hot and cold weather. It improves the looks of the finest car 100 per cent. For sale by the Rio Grande Buick Co. 12-15-6t.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348. 4-27-tf.

—If each person keeps back only one bottle, it causes the milk man to furnish twice the bottles really necessary. 12-16-5t.

—If the reckless jitney chauffeurs are allowed to run wild on the streets of Laredo it will be a godsend if the streets are never paved. For what would happen on paved streets with these reckless drivers rushing like mad along them?

—Carnival tonight—Soldier's Club. 12-16-3t.

—THE McGEE TOMATO makes 1200 bushels per acre and I only have the pure pedigreed seed. Please write for full information. M. C. McGee, San Marcos, Texas. 11-23-2m.

—Eastman Kodaks, all prices at Windrows. 12-13-tf.

—If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-tf.

—Carnival tonight—Soldier's Club. 12-16-3t.

Don't forget that New Edison 'Xmas at Windrows. 12-13-tf.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 6-15-tf.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER, 16.

Maj. Gen. William J. Snow, chief of field artillery of the U. S. Army, born in New York, 52 years ago today.

Rear Admiral James M. Helm, U. S. N., retired, born at Grayville, Ill., 65 years ago today.

Rufus Hardy, repreesntative in Congres of the Sixth Texas district, born in Monroe County, Miss., 65 years ago today.

Oscar B. Colquitt, former governor of Texas, born at Camilla, Ga., 59 years ago today.

MONUMENT FOR NEGRO.

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 14.—The largest and most expensive cemetery monument in Fort Worth just has been erected over the grave of a negro boy—the son of William ("Gooseneck Bill") McDonald, famous as a politician and banker. The cost was $12,000. The monument which is of polished Quincy granite, is 31 feet high. The grave cover is of solid granite.

"Gooseneck Bill" McDonald, who has a national reputation in Republican circles, is rated as the wealthiest member of his race in Texas and perhaps in the South. During the 190 Republican convention in Chicago McDonald lead the fight of the "black and tan" element of the party and apeared many times befcre the national executive committee. He was defeated, however, in every effort to secure the seating of his delegates. Since the convention he has lived in retirement so far as politics are concerned.

Christmas Cheer for the Poor.

Anyone having old clothing or toys which they wish to give to the poor are requested to telephone the Ursuline Convent, No. 558; Mrs. R. E. Purcell, No. 954; Mrs. J. H. Wright, No. 164; Mrs. M. P. Cullinan, No. 388; Mrs. Hal Brennan, No. 3, or Mrs. Alfred Matthews, No. 344. Or packages may be left at the Border Gas Co., or the residence of Royle K. Mims 1619 Matamoros street. 12-14-6t.

SURELY SO.

Some one has sent us a clipping, and we reprint it without knowing where its message first saw the light of day. We hope that the author desires truth flung far. This is what he says:

Interest in the welfare and prosperity of the utility companies is not, and cannot, be confined to the managements or the thousands upon thousands of men and women, banks, colleges, insurance companies, and others who have invested their funds in the development of the billion dollars' worth of property needed to furnish the state with the essential services of light, heat, power, transportation, and communication.

Every variety of business man and citizen has as much, in reality, at stake and is as dependent upon the prosperity and fair treatment of the utility companies as these companies themselves. So interwoven are the essential services with everyday life that when there is unfair attack the persecutor is but following the old adage of "cutting off his own nose to spite his face."

Assume three propositions:

1. That electric lights, electric power, water, gas for heating and lighting, electric cars for transportation and telephones are needed as auxiliaries to modern business and for the convenience, comfort, and health of citizens.

2. That the only revenues of these esential companies are the rates they charge for the service they render.

3. That unless the rates are adequate—sufficient to cover cost of buying coal, oil, steel, copper, new equipment, labor and the countless other expenses that go into the production of service; enough to pay investors for the use of their money and to attract money into the business so as to extend plants as communities grow and babies are born—they cannot either furnish service nor can they grow any more than could the merchant who sold his goods below what they cost him. The utilities would be constantly "in the red"; they would die, because their credit would be gone.

Once upon a time the American people looked upon public utilities, from railroads to gas plants, as being wicked rate pirates. Now, when the high cost of materials and labor have not been accompanied by commensurate increase in income, and the utilities have been ceasing extension and growth, and are sick and do not give service, we realize that people have somewhat overdone the persecution. A long time ago a lot of pirate promoters picked off the unripe fruits of the public utilities to ripen in their own strong boxes. We were so angry that we have been angry with public utilities ever since. But in any normal situation the thing we must have first is service. To-day its cost is probably more reasonable and stable than the cost of commodities and manufactured goods.

The service is usually a real necessity. We do not want to be easy marks for high rates, of course, but we want to be liberal enough in our treatment of public utilities to make public utilities healthy, growing, prosperous servants of the people. We must—or suffer ourselves and suffer in no small measure.—Collier's, Dec. 11.

PILGRIMS' DAY.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 16.—Observance in Texas of December 21, the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, was urged by Acting Governor W. A. Johnson in a recent proclamation. The text of the proclamation follows:

"December 21st of this year will mark the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. This day will be becomingly observed in the State of Massachusetts. It seems to me that it might properly be given a wider observance as a tribute to the influence and ideals of the Pilgrims with respect to civil liberty and human rights, upon the formation and and growth of our institutions and upon the development and progress of this nation.

"I therefore suggest and recommend that the twenty-first of December be observed in the State of Texas in an appropriate patriotic manner. I particularly suggest that attention to the significance of the day be given in all colleges and schools in Texas on that occasion, to the end that salutary and patriotic lessons may be drawn from the fortitude and perseverance and the ideals of these men and women who established on this continent the first self determined government on the great principle of just law and its equal application to all, and thus planted, the seeds from which has sprung this mighty nation.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused to be impressed hereon the seal of the State of Texas, this the 4th day of December, A. D. 1920.

W. A. JOHNSON,
Acting Governor."

Amog the women of English-speaking countries an average of sixty-eight in every thousand bear the Christian name of Mary.

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From Friday's Daily.

COMPLEX PROBLEMS.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 17.—Texas lawmakers will be confronted by a complex of problems when they assemble in the Thirty-seventh Legislature here on January 11, 1921. Already it appears obvious that the coming session, like those of several years past, will terminate with a great deal of undisposed business on hand, and that more legislative ability will be required to get bills considered than will be needed to get them enacted after they are taken up.

Work of the Board of Control in preparing the appropriation is expected to reduce materially the routine work of the legislature, and the fact that these budgets are expected to be ready for consideration at the beginning of the session, instead of at the end as was the case when appropriation committees worked them out, probably will make this session somewhat different from the past. However, appropriation committees have been retained, and department and institution heads are privileged to appeal from the allowances made by the Board of Control.

Enough legislation to keep the assembly engaged for the entire session is suggested by the State Democratic Platform alone, and new members and incoming officials are full of ideas, while many of the old members are nursing projects which met defeat or were crowded out in past sessions.

Among the subjects which have been suggested for consideration with fair indications that they will be introduced are:

Suffrage, labor, judicial reform, attraction of industrial enterprises, taxation reforms, state aid for home ownership, readjustment of state departments and commissions, creation of a public utilities commission, changes in the State Department of Agriculture and in the State Bureau of Markets and Warehouse, re-districting of the states, laws promoting home and community life, health and sanitation regulations, road building, conservation of natural resources, anti-Japanese legislation, provisions for public schools, normal, colleges and the state university, blue sky laws, regulations for employment of convicts and crop financing proposals.

There wil be 142 members in the house, and thirty-one senators, presided over by Lieutenant-Governor Lynch Davidson, to consider these subjects. Though several candidates have announced for the speakership of the house there are no definite indications as to who wil be chosen. R. E. Thomason of El Paso, speaker during the past session will not return.

The platform adopted by the State Democratic Convention last summer demands that the legislature submit to the pecple a constitutional amendment proposing "that none but American citizens, either native or fully naturalized, shall exercise the right of suffrage in this state."

Labor questions will be brought up under the injunction of this same platform that the legislature amend the Minimum Wage Act so as to allow the fixing of minimum wages by districts and amend the Workman's Compensation Act so as to cure alleged defects. Other angles of the labor question also may be presented.

Reform of the present system of taxation likely wil be one of the most important subjects considered. A number of state officials have recommended various changes, the state platform urges revision of the present plan, and Representative John TT. Smith of Austin has been devoting considerable time in framing a lengthy bill with which he proposes to replace existing laws and bring sweeping changes in the tax procedure.

The constitutional amendment proposing the extension of state aid to citizens in acquiring homes, which was defeated by a narrow margin and later endorsed by the voters of the state, very probably will be resubmitted by this legislature, as the state platform urges this action.

Department heads will come with suggestions for improvement of laws relating to their departments, and the legislature will consider departments and commissions with a view either to create or aoblish them, as they find most expedient.

A committee, appointed by the governor at the request of the Thirty-sixth legislature, has been engaged intermittently for the past year in drafting a bill proposing the creation of a public utilities commission. The bill is practically completed, and, with the exception of minor details, is ready for submission to the legislature.

Commissioner-elect George B. Terrell, of the State Department of Agriculture, has some new plans in connection with his department, and the state platform specifically directed the attention of the legislature to the need of an efficient reorganization of the department of agriculture and support of the bureau of markets and warehouses.

There has been agitation for a redistricting of the state into new congressional, senatorial and representative districts for several years, and the state platform urges that this be done under the 1920 census. Representative Burkett of Eastland said that he will introduce the redistricting resolution early in the session.

Representative W. H. Bledsoe of Lubbock declared recently that in view of the fact that an effort was being made to settle a colony of Japanese in the Rio Grande valley, he will introduce a bill proposing to forbid the acquiring of titles to Texas land by Orientals.

The state platform urges the enactment of legislation to protect the influence of the home and to bind communities together and foster home and community life.

From the same source comes a recommendation that the importance of the State Health eDpartment be recognized by the legislature and that it be strengthened so as to be sufficient to forward its plans.

MANY CHANGES.

By Associated Press.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 17.—When the Galveston Sandcrabs emerge from their dugout at the beginning of the Texas league baseball season, fans of this city hardly will recognize the ertswhile Pirate aggregation. Only a scant half dozen of the players who finished the 1920 schedule under the peppery Hunter Hill will be present, according to N. E. Leopold, president of the club.

Mr. Leopold, Business Manager Bob Tarleton and the newly appointed playing manager, Roy Ellan, are conducting a winter drive to obtain signatures on Sandcrab contracts. Ellam, who is now at his home in Coshocton, Pa., is negotiating for major league talent in the way of a first string catcher and a premier moundsman, according to Mr. Leopold.

Among exhibition games scheduled for spring, the rejuvenated Island City team will lock horns with the New York Giants on aMrch 24 and the Philadelphia Athletics on March 26 and 27.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER, 17.

William Lyon McKenzie King, leader of the Canadian Liberal party, born at Kitchener, Ont., 46 years ago today.

Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright, U. S. N., retired, born in Washington, D. C., 71 years ago today.

Clinton Rogers Woodruff, a noted pioneer in good government and public welfare movements, born in Philadelphia, 52 years ago today.

Sir Patrick T. McGrath, a leading statesman of Newfoundland, born in St. John's, Nfld., 51 years ago today.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Centenary of the birth of Frederick T. Dent, civil war soldier and brother-in-law of Gen. U. S. Grant.

Twenty-five years ago today President Cleveland sent to Congress his memorable message on Venezuela.

An address by Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washington on "The United States eMrchant Marine" is to feature the annual dinner of the Real Estate Exchange in Boston tonight.

Tobacco warehouses throughout eastern North Carolina, it is announced, will be closed today for an indefinite period because of the prevailing low prices for tobacco.

Secretaries of State manufacturing associations west of the Mississippi are scheduled to meet in Denver today to discuss among other things measures to combat the spread of radicalism in the United States.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER, 17.

1724—Thomas Guy, the founder of the great London hospital which bears his name, died in London. Born there in 1645.

1778—Four hundred persons perished in the burning of a theater in Saragossa, Spain.

1830—Simon Bolivar, the great South American revolutionist, died. Born in Caracas, July 24, 1783.

1832—Professor Zahn discovered a city buried in the lava between Vesuvius and Pompeii.

1845—Leichart's expedition arrived at Fort Essington, in North Australia.

1859—Royal palace of Fredericksburg Denmark, destroyed by fire.

1866—The head of Cardinal Richelieu, the famous French statesman, was deposited in the Sorbonne in Paris.

1876—Bread riots occurred in Montreal.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER, 17.

Russian Soviet troops captured Kiev, South Russia.

British High Court held England could not bar certain imports from America.

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SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

Posada at the Latin-American Club at 8:30 o'clock in the evening with Mesdames E. S. Vidaurri, Ricardo Gonzalez, A. Rivera, Martin Volpe, S. Canseco, and Elisa Yzaguirre as hostesses.

Saturday.

The Cotillion Class will meet at the Woman's Club at 7:30 o'clock in the evening under the direction of rMs. J. A. MacDonald.

The Nike Literary Club requests the honor of your presence at the Rialto Theatre Saturday morning at 10:v0 o'clock. Benefit for the High School auditorium.

General Mention.

Cadet Adolph Hatley of A. & M. college will arrive home in a few days to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Hatley.

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Mr. Henry Deutz and daughter, Miss Flossie of Moorestown, New Jersey, will arrive here within the next few days to spend the holidays with relatives.

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Mr. Randall Nye is in the city after an extended absence.

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Mrs. Sue Smith has returned home from a short stay in San Antonio.

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Miss Ruth Scratchley is expected in from San Ignacio to spend the holidays with relatives.

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Miss Ascencion Perez of Falfurrias, Texas, arrived in the city yesterday to spend the holidays with Misses Guadalupe and Margarita de la Garza.

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Announcements.

The second posada will be at the Latin American Club in the evening, and the hostesses will be Mesdames C. de la Garza, J. S. Penn, Jesus Aguilar, Juan Lopez Martinez, and Marcos Treviño.

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Miss Helen MacGregor will entertain with a picnic supper and dance this evening at Dolores honoring a number of friends.

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Coming Events.

Mrs. O'Meara will entertain the Thursday Bridge Club on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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MiMss Mildred Anderson will entertain with a party on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mertz.

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On Monday evening December the twenty-seventh at 8 o'clock the Girls Club of the High School will entertain the Boys Club and Alumni.

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Miss Katheleen Heaner will entertain with a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 28th, in honor of her brother, Ernest Heaner.

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The Revellers will give a dance at the Elks Hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th.

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Ladies Aid.

The Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herbert Freuller. The program was on Christian Education and Ministry of Relief and was led by Mrs. Ramsay. Those present were: Mesdames Ramsay, Westbrook, Shirey, Windrow, Lattig, Hatley, Brown, Sweatman, Borchers, Cantrell, Wharton, Hopkins, Atkins and McCulloch.

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Entertainment.

The members of the Married Ladies Social Club and a few guests were very pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. John T. Halsell. The rooms were attractive with ferns and blooming plants, and vases of Chinese lilies, while the dining table held a miniature Christmas tree. The score cards carried a Christmas tree design, and burning red tapers added a bright note to the decorations. Mrs. Huberich held high score for the club; Mrs. M. C. Barlow, low score, and Mrs. George Condren received the guest prize, each prize being a piece of dainty embroidered linen. A two-course luncheon was served at the conclusion of the games, and gay cornucopias, bonbon filled, were given as favors. The club members present were: Mesdames M. C. Barlow, J. Brewster, L. J. Christen, M. T. Cogley, G. W. Derby, C. Deutz, C. M. Fish, H. C. Hall, A. Huberich H. W. Johston, A. Martin, J. A. MacDonald, W. W. MacGregor, J. R. Moore, A. E. Younkin; guests, Mesdames Asher Smith, John Martin, George Condren, A. E. Derby, J. J. Haynes, V. S. Oberfeldt, Alfred Matthews and Gordon Lee of West Virginia. The hostess was assisted in entertaining her guests by Mrs. G. J. Giles and Miss Emilie Halsell.

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday Tuesday and Thursday fifty-eight times, and on Friday and Saturday fifty-seven times for every fifty-six times it falls on a Monday or a Wednesday.

HOMES FOR TEACHERS.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 17.—"Teacherages," so named because of their similarity to parsonages, are becoming an important part of the Texas school system, according to school officials here. Reports to the State Department of Education show that 382 schools in 112 Texas counties now maintain teacherages, or buildings in which teachers may live.

Teacherages are operated on various plans. At Graham teachers find a furnished house, with the rent free, awaiting them. Twenty-two instructors were housed here last year and the cost of food and the salary of a matron cost each of them only $23 a month. This was their only expense. At other schools furnished rooms are provided free, while at some a nominal rent is charged. Others furnish only the house. Probably the largest teacherage is at McAllen where 35 instructors are housed in a building which cost $35,000.

The idea of furnishing homes for teachers originated in Texas about eight or ten years ago, according to S. M. N. Marrs, chief high school supervisor of the State Department of Education. He said the plan did not make much headway until last year when the scarcity of teacheres forced schools to offer special inducements to obtain competent instructors.

In answer to a questionnaire sent out from Mr. Marrs' department, 153 county superintendents of public instruction replied that they considered the establishment of teacherages desirable. Only seven county superintendents were opposed to the plan, and one said he considered it questionable. Replies from a number of others indicated neither approval nor disapproval.

Though the operation of teacherages has met with unusual success in the cities, Mr. Marrs declared, the plan has been carried even further in conection with consolidated rural schools where the superintendent is furnished a small farm. In several localities where the consolidation of schools required the presence of from three to five teachers in a rural district, the housing problem has been met by building a commodious house for the superintendent, who boards the other teachers. In addition to the house, the superintendent is allowed from thirty to fifty acres of land, upon which he raises crops during the summer vacation.

SUGGESTIONS REQUESTED FOR NAME LAREDO PICTURE

Moving Picture Reel of Laredo Delegation Should Be Given Proper Title, Picture is Interesting.

For the information of all citizens of Laredo, it is announced at this time that an official photographer had been designated to make the tour of Mexico with the Laredo delegation. The Mexican Consul had recomended an experienced photographer who would be qualified to take proper moving picture films of all of the movements of the delegation through all points of interest visited in Mexico. The Mexican Consul gave him proper credentials to all the officials of Mexico, and pictures were secured at functions and places which it is seldom possible for photographers to get in Mexico. For that reason the moving picture reel of the movements of the Laredo delegation will be especially instructive and valuable as being a true picture of actual conditions as found in Mexico at this time.

The public committee of the Chamber of Commerce is very anxious for every citizen of Laredo, or member of the delegation to suggest a proper name for this moving picture reel. The literature published featured the title of Laredo as being the Gateway into Mexico, as well as the Gateway out of Mexico.

Inasmuch as it will be necessary for the photographer to depart for the East to have the reel perfected, the Chamber of Commerce is anxious that anyone having a name to suggest should mail it to them immediately. All of these suggestions will be refered to the publicity commitee, which will make some selections and recommendations and refer them to the Board of Directors for final action. It is hoped that all of the people of Laredo will give this matter serious thought, in order that some suitable title may be given this moving picture reel in reference to Laredo and its business delegation which attended the inauguration of General Obregon as president of the republic, and which afterwards toured the most important districts in Mexico.

Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y.

At one time young men might take as many kisses from a maid as there were berries on the mistletoe bought, and another kissing fancy was that he might go on kissing until a berry fell, had he a mind to.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN CALLED INTO CONFERENCE BY SENATOR HARDING TODAY

Former Secretary of State Under Wilson to Consult with President-Elect Regarding Plan for New Association of Nations--First Former Democratic Official Called to Council of Republican.

By Associated Press.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 17.—William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state under President Wilson and for many years an earnest advocate of world peace, was called into consultation today by President-elect Harding regarding the plan for an association of nations. Bryan is the first former official of a Democratic administration to be summoned by a Republican president-elect to his council table. He brought a fund of special knowledge by virtue of his experience in negotiating more than a score of arbitration treaties while head of the department of state. It is understood these treaties constituted one of the principal subjects of Mr. Harding's inquiries. Elihu Root, another former secretary of state, recently suggested that arbitration treaties throughout the world might be amended so that all justiciable questions between nations might be referred to the new league court rather than to temporary arbitration boards.

GOVERNOR CATTS IS NOW ON WARPATH

THREATENS TO USE SHOTGUN ON EDITOR WHO HE DECLARES IS DOING HIM INJURY.

By Associated Press.

Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 17.—Governor Sidney Catts of Florida threatens in an open letter given out today to go to West Palm Beach with "a double-barrel shotgun loaded with buckshot" and have a final settlement with Joe Earman, president of the state board of health and publisher of the Palm Beach Post, a daily newspaper. The chief executive states in the letter that he does not "want any trouble with Earman, but he is tired of his tyranny and arrogance and his big stick bossing," and that this is a last warning. The letter from the governor follows the publication of an article in Earman's paper which the chief executive characterizes as a page and a half of vituperation and bitterness against him "on account of reinstating Edgar Thompson," state's attorney at West Palm Beach.

EARTHQUAKE IN CHINA.

By Associated Press.

Peking, China, Dec. 17.—An earthquake was felt here at 8:20 o'clock last night. The tremor rocked buildings and created much excitement in hotels and clubs.

ADVISE STOP TRAPPING

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 17.—An admonition to stop trapping in an effort to check the rapidly declining prices of raw pelts was sent trappers throughout the world today by the International Fur Exchange.

AGAIN ACTIVE.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, O., Dec.17.—After being out of the ring sport for two years, due to serious illness, Matt Hinke, the noted Cleveland referee and boxing promoter, is again taking active interest in the sport. Hinkel has matched Carl Tremaine, the Cleveland bantamweight, and Joe Burman of Chicago for a ten round contest here Dec.17.

PRINCETON TO INVADE WEST.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 17.—Princeton will set a new precedent in intercollegiate circles when the university debating team leaves here tomorrow for a transcontinental tour to the Pacific coast. The trip will include a total of nine competitions with various teams. The question selected for all the debates is "Resolved, That the country should adopt laws prohibiting strikes in essential industries." The constitutionality of the question is granted.

GOTHAM PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS.

New York, Dec. 17.—New York is preparing for a merry Christmas, notwithstanding that present conditions in some respects are not so auspicious for the holiday as a year ago. There is more unemployment and more poverty in the metropolis than has been the case in several years, and as a consequence the charitable agencies which supply cheer for the homeless and forlorn are making their preparations on a larger scale. All over the city there will be dinners and trees for the poor. There will be toys for every child and none will be overlooked by Santa Claus. Hospitals, orphanages, alms houses and even the penal institutions will not be without their share of the holiday spirit.

Notice to Hunters.

All hunters are prohibited from hunting in Jarral, Burritos and Barrocito pastures without permission.

J. D. JENNINGS,
10-23-2m.

Among the various Slav peoples Christmas and the beginning of the New Year are commonly called the "Great Christmas" and the "Little Christmas."

PROPOSE REDUCTION OF THE WAGE SCALE

BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASK UNIONS TO ACCEPT BIG REDUCTIONS IN WAGES.

By Associated Press.

Eastland Texas, Dec. 17.—Claiming the high wage scale is retarding building activities and development, leading contractors have drafted proposals for a reduced scale and requested labor leaders to accept the reductions. It is proposed to reduce carpenters' pay from $10 to $8 a day; bricklayers from $13.50 to $11; painters from $10 to $8; electricians from $10 to $8; plumbers from $12.25 to $11; common labor from $6 to $4; mortar workers from $8 to $5; cement finishers from $13 to $11; plasterers from $13 to $11; lathers from $10 to $8. The unions have not acted on the proposition.

WINTER WHEAT AREA.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The area sown to winter wheat this fall is 40,565,000 acres, which is 2.8 per cent less than the revised area sown last fall. The condition of the crop on December was 87.9 per cent normal.

HEARING ON RATES

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The interstate commerce commission today set for hearing the petition of the American Railway Express company, complaining against the rates existing in intrastate traffic in Texas, at Austin, January 27, before Examiner Hunter.

QUARANTINE EXTENDED.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Extension of the pink boll worm quarantine to include the state of New Mexico was announced today by the department of agriculture. The quarantine will affect the movement of lint and seed from Dona Ana county. Texas and Louisiana are already under quarantine.

OHIO STATE TEAM READY TO START.

Columbus, O., Dec. 17.—Ohio State University's football team, champions of the Intercollegiate Conference Athletic Association, will leave this city tomorrow for Pasadena, where the University of California will be played New Year's Day as one of the events during the Tournament of Roses. Thirty players, coaches and trainers will make up the party.

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LEGIONNAIRES ARM TO KEEP THE PEACE

GUARDING JAIL WHERE NEGRO CONFINED ON CHARGE OF KILLING WHITE MAN.

By Associated Press.

Independence, Kan., Dec. 17.—Two hundred armed members of the American Legion patrolled the streets today and threw a heavy guard around the city hall, where Noble Green, a negro, alleged slayer of a white grocer, is being held. A race clash last night followed the grocer's death in which two persons were killed and five wounded. Race feeling fiered up again today when a negro pool hall was fired on. Promiscuous shooting followed, but none were injured. The negroes later surrendered their weapons to the police.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Roy Estes of Fort Worth, Texas, is under arrest here charged with the theft of $11,000 from the Fort Worth office of the American Railway Express company, where he was employed. His bride of three weeks was taken with him.

CLEANLY THIEVES.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 16.—Two thieves broke into a local clothing store recently, picked out two complete outfits of wearing apparel, took a bath, changed clothes and departed. The next morning the proprietor of the store found two shabby suits near the dripping shower where they had been left by the two men. A check of the stock revealed that the thieves had stolen only what they wore away.

NEW DIRECTOR.

By Associated Press.

Denison, Texas, Dec. 17.—Sam McMillan, director of physical education in the Denison public schools, has been chosen athletic director of the Third district schools by the International League of the University of Texas. He will have charge of athletics of the schools of Grayson, Collin, Fannin, Cook and Hunt counties.

Mr. McMillan is a former athlete of Austin College and during the past summer attended the school for athletic instructors at the University of Illinois.

STUDENT LEGISLATURE

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 17.—Fifteen of the thirty-one members of the next Texas senate and ten members of the house are former students of the University of Texas, according to figures recently compiled here. Four men now attending the university will sit in the lower house while three of the ex-student senators are fathers of university graduates and several have children taking work there.

BOONE'S TRAVELS.

By Associated Press.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 17.—That Daniel Boone, famed Kentucky hunter, made an expedition into Wayne and Lincoln County, W. Va., during his career is the belief of a party of lumber jacks, who recently discovered the name "D. Boone" chiseled in a large rock at the mouth of a cave on Pond Fork of Four Mile Creek, Lincoln County, near the Wayne line.

The forms of the letter are said to correspond with the name of Boone which is found carved in the rocks of Kentucky. The rock bearing the name in Lincoln county is located in a remote and wild section.

When You Are Constipated.

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

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From Saturday's Daily.

REDUCING WAGES.

At a conference of leading building contractors recently it was decided to propose a material reduction in the wages of all building trades, the contractors claiming that the present high wage scale is retarding building activities and deveopment.

No one who has had occasion to figure on building recently will deny that the price of building is beyond the reach of the average man who formerly owned his home.

A case in point was that of a Laredo resident who was preparing a few years ago to build a modest residence. The price then was put at $2,800. He delayed building for one reason or another, and later was told that the same building, owing to the increased cost of materials and labor, would cost around $4,000. A few weeks ago he was told the same house would now cost him $5,800!

The average man who builds a residence does so for his own use, not for speculation. He gets no more comfort out of the $5,000 house than he would get out of one that formerly cost $2,500. He has exactly the same conveniences—unless he is tempted to skimp a litte because of the extreme cost of everything—and he can never hope to sell for anywhere near what the building cost him, unless he sells at once.

His assessed valuation is figured on the present cost of building, and not on what the building would be worth in normal times. And yet, if he counts the depreciation on the building, he realizes that he cannot hope to obtain anywhere near what it cost him to build.

The price of all materials, except hardware, is dropping. It may be that by springtime the cost of building, so far as the cost of materials is concerned, will place the modest residence again within the reach of the average man on salary or wages.

But the cost of labor is still enormously high. The bricklayer, the carpenter, the plasterer and the painter, are all getting wages that are prohibitive of building except for those who must build. The alternative of paying high rent does not deter the average family from renting until better times come.

With other things being reduced in price, including groceries, clothing, shoes and all the things that are usually spoken of as the "necessaries of life," the workingmen can live on less money than they were getting while the cost of living was so high.

The question is, will the union workingmen be satisfied with less pay and thus aid in the campaign of improvement which has been held back by the war and its consequences?

The contractor who takes a contract nowadays has to be satisfied with a lower rate of profit than formerly. If he is not, he does not get the contract. There are many who have done so little work during the past few years that they are willing to underbid in order to have something to do, and they realize that with the high price for materials and the high wage scales they must shave as closely as they can or some one else will get the job.

At present no one is building save the people who are forced for one reason or another to build now or go out of business. Some of the merchants who need a new store building are figuring that the high rent for office rooms will help them out in paying for the costly structure.

There never was such a demand for homes as at present. Those who want a home of their own are barred from building, as they must not only keep within their means, but must also pay no more than they can get for the house should they desire to sell it at a later date.

It seems up to the building workers to reduce their scale of wages. By so doing they will be able to get employment, instead of being idle, and they will help others to build.

MUCH IS LACKING.

This year, contrary to "past performances" and disappointing of expectations, the people of Laredo have not responded to the appeal for clothing for the poor with the spontaneity and generosity which have always marked such campaigns.

The various members of the committee report that there has not been as generous a response as formerly to this plea, and they urge the people to give more liberally and to do so promptly in order that the committee may get around to all the poor people by Christmas time.

So far we have not had much chilly weather. We have not had the touch of material discomfort that sometimes is the needed incentive to generous giving. We have been blessed beyond our deserts by the lack of any epidemic of sickness, and we seem to be taking advantage of our own freedom from adversity to keep a tight grip on what we have.

Sometimes it takes the chastisement of Divine Providence to cause us to be charitable. We are apt to have a fellow feeling for others when we are suffering under the lash of misfortune. We give more generously after we have suffered material loss.

There are hundreds of poor people in Laredo whose only Christmas will be that provided by others. There are many who shiver from the slightest breath of cold because they lack sufficient clothing to cover them, while the lack of food to furnish warmth from within is an added misery.

These people are needy through no fault of their own. They must be fed and clothed, or our boasted Christian civilization is but a mockery. They must be given aid, or else we are not the kindly, charitable people we like to be considered by others.

The people who are doing the most for these needy ones are working without expectation of other guerdon than the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" which comes like a still, small voice from within.

Many who are expecting a Christmas remembrance from Laredo this year have never known what it was to be remembered until they came here. They have been content to work for a pittance, to live in a hovel, to eat scanty food and to dress in cast-off clothing.

But in past years there has always been something to cause Christmas day to stand out in letters of gold on their calendar. They have received a bounteous supply of food, warm and comfortable clothing, and even toys for the children.

We give Christmas gifts in remembrance of the greatest Gift that was given to mankind. Sometimes we give in expectation of receiving in return. But the most acceptable gift we can make is that to those who have nothing and whose expectations are small.

Above all, we owe it to ourselves to do something for the children of the poor. They live cheerless lives, they often lack enough food to satisfy their hunger while we eat to repletion, they lack even enough rags to cover their nakedness while we display the latest modes, and they cast longing looks through the window panes, wishing for a single toy while our children do not know what to do with the surplus they have.

Every person in Laredo who is blessed with enough of this world's goods to eat sufficient food, to dress warmly and to have a Merry Christmas should do something toward furnishing some Christmas cheer for these unfortunates.

It is little enough that we can do at best. There are so many for whom a gift of clothing, of food and of toys are needed. But it must be remembered that these people are grateful for the slightest remembrance; they do not ask for the luxuries of the rich.

Do not fail in this, your manifest duty—to yourself as well as to your suffering neighbors. Give and it shall be given unto you.

WORK PROGRESSES NICELY IN BUILDING SEWER SYSTEM

Contractor at Work With Big Trench-Digging Machine is Making Fast Progress in the Work.

The work of excavating with the trench-digging machine for the sewerage mains, and the placing of the 18-inch mains as the trench work is completed is progressing nicely now and the contractor is making good headway with the work of providing Laredo with a first-class sewer system.

It is estimated that by July or August of next year the sewer system will be completed insofar as the readiness of the mains throughout the city are concerned, and thousands of Laredo business houses and homes will have made connections with the mains by the time they are completed.

McADOO IS EXPECTED HERE ON TRAIN THIS AFTERNOON

Former Secretary of Treasury of the United States on Way to Mexico City on a Recreation Trip.

Telegraphic advices received yesterday by Mexican Vice Consul Lisandro Peña advised that William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury of the United States, accompanied by Jerome H. Hess, representative of the Mexican government, would reach Laredo today en route to Mexico City. Mr. McAdoo was expected to reach here this morning, but failed to arrive and will probably come in this afternoon.

A special car is being held in Nuevo Laredo by the Mexican railways to carry Mr. McAdoo to the Mexican capital. While it is announced that the purpose of his trip to Mexico City is merely for rest and recreation and has no political significance, the former secretary of the treasury is to be accorded every courtesy possible by the Mexican government officials from the moment he crosses the international boundary line here into Mexico.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight cloudy, warmer. Sunday unsettled.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 72 degs.

Min. temp. 37 degs.

General direction of wind: Northeast.

Clear.

CHRISTMAS NEAR AT HAND; LITTLE ONES AWAIT THE DAY

While Making Those at Home Feel the Joys of Christmas You Should Also Aid the Deserving Poor.

Next Saturday will be Christmas Day, that most gladsome of all seasons of the year for young and old alike, but more especially for the young folks, as it is the time when Santa Claus comes down the chimney with so many gifts for the good little girls and boys, and there are also many good little girls and boys who are overlooked by old Santy every year, just because they are of the miserably poor little ones who know not the joys of Christmas except to look at the more fortunate ones who have things in plenty.

There will be numerous Christmas trees and Christmas tree entertainments around about Christmas time and the trees will be laden with presents, and if there is a deserving child in your neighborhood or in your church who is a good child and will not know the joys of Christmas, it would not be amiss for you to put a little Christmas package on the tree for him or her, or to send it to them—it will make the little heart glad on the joyous day of days.

There is so much selfishness in this old world that one cares only for himself or his loved ones, but even the selfish can feel happy on Christmas day by giving of his surplus goods to the poor. Clothing, shoes, hats, edibles, dainties, etc., are all things that make good gifts, and if you have some old clothes, etc., that you do not need, give them to some unfortunate creature as a Christmas gift—it will do him or her good, and it will do you good to know that you have done a real charitable act.

SELL U. S. GOVERNMENT BACON MAKE BIG MONEY.

A big opportunity for men and women to sell U. S. Government Bacon at about half present market price. Farmers, city people, everyone wants this fine, delicious side bacon. We have over $100,000 of this bacon and canned meats and are prepared to offer it so you can sell it at 25c a pound and make big money. We want agents in every locality. Salesmen out of work, here is your chance to be of real service to the public and make money at the same time. Women who want extra Christmas money and can get orders from their friends and neighbors can also make good money. No investment except for your sample case of bacon. Write today for our proposition—tomorrow may be too late. Only limited number of applicants accepted. Send no money but write now. This is a wonderful opportunity. We also can interest wholesalers, jobbers and retailers who can buy in car load lots.

LEON LAWRENCE,
Dept. B, Box 1283
San Antonio, Texas.

"Sticky Economy."

The fact that the price of Mexican chicle—fundamental ingredient of chewing gum—has gone up thirty-four cents a pound doesn't worry Will Rogers a bit. He will have his bit of a wad, no matter what the cost. "I've stuck my gum on a hitchin' post more than once and gone back after it and I can do it again if necessary," grinned the cowboy comedian, now a Goldwyn star, when informed that the Mexican government has increased the tax on chicle and that the price of gum may be raised as a consequence. When Rogers first broke into the stage limelight with his lariat he was always chewing his cud of gum. He is seldom without it even yet when he twirls the rope and it is a great bore to him when a serious picture compels him to quit chewing gum. Rogers is now working on "Jes' Call Me Jim," from the story "Seven Oaks," by J. G. Holland. This picture may be seen at the Royal Theatre today.

Notice.

The public is hereby warned that the firing of firearms, cannon crackers and other fire works prohibited by law will not be tolerated during the holidays and violators of this law will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

M. BRENNAN,
12-11-18t. City Marshall.

"The Saphead" Paid It.

Eight dollars and sixty cents for a shave is expensive even in this day of high prices. But that's what Buster Keaton had to pay in the production of "The Saphead," shown at the Rialto Theatre today. Soap lather couldn't be used because when the tonsorial artist got busy with the razor, off came Buster's makeup as well as the soap. The director finally hit upon whipped cream as a substitute. Double cream at $3.20 a gallon, forty cents to have it whipped at a nearby restaurant, $5 for a professional barber, totalling $8.60 explains the cost. Buster, reclining in a chair in his well-appointed bedroom set with a steaming towel around his head looked the picture of comfort. He licked the delectable shaving lotion from his lips as the barber applied [illegible]

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A FIRST-CLASS COUNCIL OF BOY SCOUTS IS ORGANIZED

NATIONAL FIELD EXECUTIVE ASSISTS IN WORK HERE.

Officers Are Elected for the Ensuing Year, Court of Honor Named and Membership is Representative.

Thursday evening at a meeting in the Elks Hall the steering committee which was appointed at the mass meeting in September to formulate plans for the Boy Scout activities for the ensuing year, it was decided to make application fof a charter for a first-class council. This means that Laredo will take her place in Boy Scout work right alogside such cities as Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, New Orleans and other large cities of the country, and will be the most southernly council in the United States.

J. P. Fitch, National Field Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, was present to assist in the preparation of the application and explain just what a first-class council is. He was well pleased with the progress of the work in Laredo and spoke very optimistically of the future. Shortly before the meeting was called to order Mr. Fitch reviewed some of the scouts on Jarvis Plaza and made a short address to them.

The finance committee of which Geo. W. Derby is chairman, reported that they would raise a budget of $5,000 for the first year's work, and that of this amount about $3,000 has already been pledged. This assures Laredo of the services of an expert in scouting, who will be sent here by the national office to attend to all of the detail work attached to the movement, and assist the local council members in every way necessary.

The following officers were unanimously elected to serve the first year: President, A. C. Richter; vice-president, Dr. H. C. Hall; vice-president, B. G. Salinas; vice-president, R. L. Bobbitt; vice-president, G. P. Farias; treasurer, R. K. Mims; commissioner, A. D. Bordeaux; deputy commissioner, Father Fidel; secretary, Leonard W. Craig; chairman finance committee, Geo. W. Derby; chairman troop organization, L. J. Christen; chairman camping activities, F. A. Matthes; chairman leadership and training, W. L. Guyler; chairman civic services, A. J. Neff; chairman publicity, Justo S. Penn.

Court of Honor—Judge J. F. Mullally, Dr. J. T. Halsell, S. S. Scothorn, Epon Daiches, Leopoldo Villegas, F. W. Mally.

Members of Local Council—M. M. Leyendecker, Sam W. Brown, Geo. W. Derby, Eduardo Cruz, B. G. Salinas, Pablo Juarez, R. L. Bobbitt, A. J. Neff, L. J. Christen, Dr. H. C. Hall, A. C. Richter, Dr. J. T. Halsell, Dr. H. M. Austin, Albert Urbahn, Leon Daiches, F. A. Matthes, W. L. Guyler, L. R. Ortiz, I. Rodriguez, M. W. Brennan, I. Goodman, R. K. Mims, C. S. McKinney, Justo S. Penn, J. E. Trout, L. Villegas, J. R. More J. H. Winch, L. A. Morrow, M. Little, W. R. Muter, Chas. Dentz, John Maher, W. B. Reaser, J. B. DaCamara, A. Herrera, Matias de Llano, Albert Martin, Leopoldo Valdez, S. S. Scothorn, J. H. Murphy.

Christ Church Music.

Following is the program of the music at Christ Church tomorrow morning, under the direction of Mrs. Flora Dilgarde Anderson, organist-director:

Processional Hymn .... "Greenland"
Venite ..... Anglican Chant
Te Deum ..... Alonzo Stone
Benedictus ..... Anglican Chant
Hymn before Sermon .... "Mendon"
Offertory Anthem, "Heaven is Our Home." ..... Sealy
Mrs. E. B. Adams, Miss May E. Lines, Mr. Mendel H. Morgan, Mr. C. W. Cook.
Recessional Hymn .....
..... "Veni Emmanuel"
Jordan's Evening Service at 7:30.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER 18.

1832—Treaty of navigation and commerce concluded at St. Petersburg between Russia and the United States.

1845—Michael Faraday made public his discoveries in dia-magnetism.

1863—Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, born. Assassinated at Sarajevo 28 1914.

1870—The Germans defeated the French at Muits.

1879—The Duchess of Marlborough appealed for relief of distress in Ireland.

1883—James Poole was executed in Dublin for the murder of the informer, John Kenny.

1886—A proclamation was issued against the "Plan of Campaign" in Ireland.

1889—Convention of delegates from Kansas, Iowa, North Dakota, Nebraska and South Dakota to form a cen-

LOCAL NEWS

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Santos Garza and Miss Dora Rodriguez, Guadalupe Vidaurri and Miss Vicente Partida.

—With Laredo raised to a Class 2 port of entry by the Mexican government, and surpassed only by the little old town of New York, this city has a classification that will be the envy of ye greater ports. Now for a little printer's ink to be used judiciously to let the world know what Laredo offers the commerce of the country as the logical gateway to Mexico.

—Carnival tonight—Soldier's Club. 12-16-3t.

—The taking off of the vise charges on border permits issued to the people of the two Laredos, and the decreasing of the cost for one and ten-day passes issued to all persons from $10 to $2, will be good news to all persons concerned and the cost to "visit" Mexico will not come so steep.

—Carnival tonight—Soldier's Club. 12-16-3t.

—There were no importations received at the local customhouse yesterday afternoon from Nuevo Laredo, or rather no manifests for importations from Mexico through the port of Laredo.

—Carnival tonight—Soldier's Club. 12-16-3t.

—The chilly weather hangs on with a tenacity that indicates that Christmas is very apt to be the ideal kind of a day that it generally is in this section of the state.

—Carnival tonight—Soldier's Club. 12-16-3t.

—The criminal docket will be taken up in district court on Monday morning, and as there are only a few such cases on the docket at this time, it will be disposed of before the Christmas holidays of the court begin.

—Carnival tonight—Soldier's Club. 12-16-3t.

FATHER OF HOMEOPATHY IN AMERICA.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—Homeopathic medical colleges and societies throughout the country will pay tribute today to the memory of Henry Deitweiler, the father of homeopthy, this being the 125th anniversary of his birth. Dr. Deitweiler was the first to practice homeopathy in America and during his long life worked unceasingly to secure a standing for the new school of medicine.

Deitweiler was born in Langenbruck, Switzerland, Dec. 18, 1795. He began his education in the village schools of his native town and continued it through the French institute at St. Immier. He was a precocious boy and an industrious student.

When he had attained to young manhood he chose medicine as his life calling, and began the study of it under Dr. Senn at the university of Wurtzburg, which he followed with a five years' course at the University of Freiburg. This rendered him especially well equipped for the practice of his chosen profession, but he was at variance with the old school theories of medicine, and became interested in the system founded by Hahnemann, which he exhaustively studied.

By the time he had completed his course at Freiburg the overthrow of the Napoleonic reign had so disturbed the affairs of the old world that many sought more peaceful fields in the new. Dr. Deitweiler received a commission from his government this time to collect from various sections of America a line of minerological and botanical specimens, and it so happened that the ship John, in which he sailed, brought also about 400 refugees, and her passenger list included such notables as Gen. Vanrame of Napoleon's staff, Dr. Munger, Anthony Drexel and King Joseph Bonaparte.

Dr. Deitweiler was chosen to be ship's physician and successfuly treated, by his new system, an epidemic of dysentery that attacked the refugees. After landing at Baltimore he decided to remain in the country, and upon the advice of Joseph Bonaparte he settled in the Lehigh valley and began the practice of his profession at Allentown, where he at once gained prominence.

He removed to Hellentown in 1818, where he continued for more than a quarter of a century, but it was not until some time after his advent in Hellentown that he began the practice of homeopathy, for it is recorded that on July 23, 1828, Dr. Deitweiler dispensed the first remedy in Pennsylvania in accordance with the law of similars. He was one of the founders of the medical college at Allentown which, erected in 1835, became the first of its kind in America.

He aided in establishing the American Institute of Homeopathy, and at the time of his retirement he was said to be the oldest medical practitioner in America. His death occ[illegible] Boston, Pa., when he was

SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

Mrs. Ira O'Meara will entertain the Thursday Bridge Club at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be a dance at the Soldiers Club in the evening.

Miss Mildred Anderson will entertain with a party in the evening complimenting a number of friends at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mertz.

The Posada this evening at the Latin-American Club at 8:30 o'clock. The hostesses for the evening will be Mesdames L. R. Ortiz, Antonio Gonzalez, Arturo Volpe, Osorio, C. Villareal, Isabel Farias.

Sunday.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church meets at 6:45 at the church Sunday evening.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. will meet at the Baptist Church at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will hold its regular meeting in the League room of the Methodist Church at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian Church will meet in the church at 6:45 p. m.

Monday.

The fifth Posada at the Latin-American Club at 8:30 o'clock in the evening. The hostesses for the occasion will be Mesdames Matias Llano, Armando Barrera, Lozano Mejia, Maria Garde, Herminia Fernandez and Elvira Saenz.

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This May Interest You.

The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visi- children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing. The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Phone all society communications to the Society Editor of The times at No. 70 between 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 and 8:30 in the evening.

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The Camel Said It.

The camel whose back was broken
By the weight of that famed "last straw,"
Lay blinking his eyes in a haze of surprise.
For this was the sight he saw,
The remarkable sight he saw:

A biped called the Consumer
And bearing a ponderous pack!
As he envying stared, the Camel declared:
"Now, there is a back that's a back!
I could laugh at last straws with his back!"

—Arthur H. Folwell in Leslie's.

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General Mention.

Miss Carolina Vidaurri arrived home from college this afternoon to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Vidaurri. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Mercedes Vidaurri, who came to spend the holidays with relatives.

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Misses Consuelo and Eugenia Lafon of San Antonio arrived here this morning en route to Monterey to spend the holidays with relatives. While here they are the guests of their brother, Mr. L. A. Lafon and family.

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Mr. Henry D. Kahn of Tampico is in the city for a short visit.

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Miss Cynthia Press, who is attending the state university at Austin, will return home December 23 to spend the holidays. Miss Theresa Ball of San Antonio will accompany her.

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Victor Sauvignet, who is attending the State University at Austin, is expected to arrive in Laredo on Monday to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Sauvignet.

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Mr. Mason E. Fred, son of Rev. M. K. Fred, pastor of the Methodist church, arrived this morning from Dallas, where he is studying pharmacy, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Moore returned yesterday morning from Mexico City and will be located at 1917 Farragut Street.

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Carl Bergman arrived in the city on Wednesday from Tampico, Mexico, to spend the holidays with his parents.

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[illegible]d Mrs. Starr Wiggins and [illegible]n, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Wiggins, will leave the early part of next week for Monterrey, Mexico.

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Mrs. J. B. Hazelrigg left Thursday night for San Antonio and will return Sunday morning. She will be accompanied home by her daughter, Miss Margaret Hazelrigg, who is attending school at the Westmoreland College, and who will be here for the holidays.

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Arthur Werner arrived home this morning from San Antonio for the holidays.

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Mr. J. E. Thompson of the Laredo Ice Cream Factory left last night for El Dorado, Ark., to visit his father and other relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hill have returned from the ranch.

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Miss Anita Sharkey will leave tonight for Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to visit Lieut. and Mrs. Fred Enckhausen at Fort Brady.

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Miss Laura Taylor is spending the week-end in San Antonio.

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Mrs. Geoffrey J. Giles will leave tomorrow night for San Antonio for a short stay.

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Announcements.

The Latin-American Club will give their annual banquet and ball Friday evening, December 31.

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The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will not meet again until after the holidays.

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The hostesses for the Posada on Sunday evening will be Mesdames Francisco de la Garza, J. Rodriguez, Francisco Cavazos, Leopoldo Bruni, Eduardo Cruz and Arellano.

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Entertainment.

Mrs. M. W. Brennan entertained yesterday afternoon with a most delightful party complimenting a large number of little friends in honor of the seventh birthday of her little son Mike. A most delightful afternoon was enjoyed by the little guests, contests of different kinds were played, the lucky prize winners being Colby Oliver, Miles Nye, Bessie Mann and Mary Anderson. A piñata also added to the pleasure of the occasion, and was broken by John Lowry. Later in the afternoon the hostess served a delicious ice course with cake. About sixty little folk enjoyed the hospitality of the happy event.

GERMAN IMITATIONS.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—German manufacturers have flooded the markets here with imitations of American, English and French wares, some so cleverly made it is difficult to detect them, but others of an almost ludicrous clumsiness.

A purchaser who goes into a tobacco shop and asks for a standard English or American cigarette probably will be handed a package with a label closely resembling the trade mark of the original. The price will be much less and frequently, pleased with the bargain, the customer puts the box in his pocket without closely examine it. Afterwards he discovers that he has a German cigarette. The few imported tobaccos on sale are very expensive and those which have not been smuggled in bear the import tax stamp.

Street venders of tobaccos, candies and other articles display imported tobaccos and German imitations side by side, so that eventually purchasers learn the difference and become wary, although the German tobaccos are not inferior to some imported brands.

In some of the high-class restaurants only imitation cigarettes are sold.

The drug stores are perhaps the chief dispensers of the German imitations. Imported toilet articles, and particularly soap, shaving-cream, tooth paste and face lotions are very scarce. But all the well-known American brands have been imitated.

Trade mark imitators have displayed their best work in the saloons, where whiskey bottles bear the labels of well-known English manufacturers. But either the signature or the brand or a word in the name, is inverted, or the trade mark slightly distorted. The bottles have been filled with German-made whiskeys, often white but sometimes colored and the substance reeks of grain alcohol. The effect of the drink is about the same as that of the Kentucky, Georgia and West Virginia "moonshine."

French liquors and imported gins are virtually never sold.

The German inventive talent has been carried further, to include all sorts of wearing apparel. A suit of clothes, displayed in a window and bearing a remarkably reasonable price tag catches the eyes of the passers-by. Upon careful examination it will be found the cloth is made of paper. Many hats, caps, vests, trousers, and even shirts are made of paper. Paper strings are in general use.

Shoes which can be purchased for a small sum crack and dissolve in water. They are made of paper.

American and English-made cloths have been so carefully imitated that only an expert can detect the difference.